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RACING.

LONG PROGRAMME OF TEN EVENTS

WILL SITTING BULL ATONE FOR HIS LAST DEEEAT?

WATCH THE OUTSIDERS

(By Wombat.)

There ought to be interesting racing at Happy Valley this afternoon, when the Hong Kong Jockey Club will offer a programme of 10 events.

The 2nd Aggregate Stakes will be the chief event, and should fall either to Sitting Bull or Hetman. The former, who is at his best just now, was defeated by Hetman when they last met over the same distance, but many "fans" are of the opinion that the Dynasty candidate will meet his Waterloo, if he runs against Mrs. L. Dunbar's speedy stayer. Three other good ponies in this event are Sadko, Bag and Braggade and Gold Key. They are safe place bets.

The New Bridge Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies seems to provide another opportunity for the consistent and versatile Season Ticket, though Woodland Stag and Polar Star will doubtless be dangerous.

The Fatshan Handicap is a novice event and a big field should go to the post for it. Christmas Belle, Lobster Bay and Orlando appear to be the pick of this bunch.

The Handicapper seems to have done his work very well for this meeting, and I would not be surprised to see a few outsiders romp home.

CHEUNGCHAU NOTES.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

The Island has been the scene of unusual activities during the week. A "Retreat" for men was held in House No. 10, the prime movers being Rev. E. Bastin and Rev. J. McKenzie. About 18 members were expected but the average attendance was about 12. The meetings proved to be of a very interesting and helpful character. Rev. F. Shock gave a series of 3 addresses on Prayer, and Rev. G. Carpenter gave two on Jeremiah. —The Man and His Message. Dr. Uttley spoke on the value of Emotionism in Religion. In all the meetings, discussion and exchange of thought was welcomed and freely indulged in and a very friendly spirit prevailed. Meetings of a devotional character were also held, notably the closing session on Thursday morning conducted by Rev. J. McKenzie of the New Zealand Mission.

Several other houses were occupied apart from the members of the "Retreat."

The Ching Ming Festival was celebrated in the usual way by the Chinese population.

A large matshed has been erected for the annual theatrical performance in connection with the Birthday of the patron deity of the Fisherfolk's temple. The ferry make extra trips to accommodate the crowds from Hong Kong who attend the performance. From Hong Kong there is a ferry starting at 10 a.m. the usual 2 p.m. and 5.30, and an extra ferry at 7.45 p.m. From Cheung Chan the

My selections are:-
1st Race:-
Season Ticket.
Woodland Stag.
Polar Star.
2nd Race:-
Amy.
Jupiter.
The Rainstorm.
3rd Race:-
Philanderer.
Cy-Pres.
Gold Bar.
4th Race:-

5th Race:-
But After That.
Anniversary Eve.
Westland Stag.
6th Race:-
Sitting Bull.
Hetman.
Sadko.
7th Race:-
Alexander Hall.
Gold Ring.
The Lion.
8th Race:-
High Jinks.
Pocahontas.
Jupiter.
9th Race:-
Christmas Belle.
Lobster.
Orlando.
10th Race:-
Overon.
King's Parade.
Hoilo.

MORE DIAMOND MINES CLOSE.

Another Blow for South Africa.

RICHEST IN THE WORLD.

Following the decision of De Beers to close the Kimberley Mines there was further consternation at the announcement that the Premier Diamond Mine of Pretoria, the richest in the world, was similarly ceasing production at the end of March, flinging 380 Europeans and 1,500 natives out of work.

Apart from the depression, it is known that the Lichtenburg diamond and the vast Namaqualand discoveries caused serious losses to regular producers, while the ever-increasing illicit traffic in stolen stones, estimated by some to amount to \$10,000 weekly, helped to bring on the crisis.

It is not known when the mines are likely to reopen, but the Government is investigating the whole position. It is questionable whether the industry will ever regain its former prosperity. Indeed, some are wondering if the world's saturation point has already been reached, in view of the fact that diamonds are purely luxuries and imperishable.

usual 7.45 a.m. and 4 p.m. extra ones at 11.30 a.m. and 6.45 p.m. The performance closes on Sunday.

The Harbour Mission boat service still continues.

Arrangements for another "Retreat" were discussed and it may be more attractive and convenient to visitors.

FIRE TRUCK UPROOTS A TREE.

Peculiar Accident on Shanghai Bund.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day. A fireman was seriously injured to-day and several pedestrians narrowly escaped injury, while a tree was completely uprooted and a portion of the sidewalk broken, when a heavy fire truck was badly damaged when a peculiar accident on the Bund created commotion and excitement.

A passer-by, who witnessed the accident, stated that the vehicle was moving at a moderate speed when the driver either lost control or swerved sharply to avoid another vehicle.

A FLOURISHING DEPARTMENT.

British Post Office.

F.M.G.'S REVELATIONS.

(Reuters' Special Service).

London, Yesterday. The British Post Office is still flourishing, notwithstanding the trade slump, and the fact that the postal services of many other countries have suffered severely.

The Postmaster-General, Sir Kingsley Wood, in a speech in Manchester revealed that the net surplus last year, after providing interest charges, approached ten million sterling, there being but a slight reduction of £184,000 as compared with 1930.

The Post Office, he claimed, had an improving record regarding lost mailbags. Only twenty-four bags had disappeared last year of the forty million odd conveyed by rail alone.

The prosecution viewed the case seriously.

STIMSON & KELLOGG LEAVE FOR EUROPE.

Mr. Kellogg on Far East Crisis.

MR. STIMSON DENIES A RUMOUR

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Stimson and Mr. Kellogg today sailed for Europe, the former to attend the Disarmament Conference and the latter the League.

Mr. Stimson denied that his attitude in Geneva would be that the United States cannot reduce armaments, while Japan remains in Manchuria.

Mr. Kellogg expressed the opinion that the Sino-Japanese dispute would be settled without involving the Far East in war.—Reuters' American Service.

HONG KONG'S AQUARIUM.

The China Mail learns that the Hong Kong Aquarium is to vacate its present premises in Des Voeux Road Central, probably about the end of this month.

It is to re-open about six weeks later in more extensive open air surroundings with a glass roof which will be more natural for the exhibits. It is understood that the decision was reached because the exhibits have not thrived in an enclosed place with artificial lighting, and it has been found that open air and daylight are essential, if they are to be shown at their best.

The new site will also be more attractive and convenient to visitors.

FAIRY AERONAUT DEAD.

Collapse After a Flight.

MR. EUSTACE SHORT.

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Eustace Short, the famous aeronaut and partner in Short Brothers (aeroplane manufacturers) was found dead to-day in the cockpit of a seaplane he had been piloting above Rochester. The machine descended after a normal flight and a launch went alongside to take off the aviator, but to the consternation of those aboard found that Mr. Short had collapsed and died.

Mr. Short was sixty-two and learned to fly in 1928. Previously he had made hundreds of balloon ascents.—Reuter.

£50 FINE.

For Passport Offence.

SENTENCE PASSED ON BRITISHER IN SHANGHAI.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day. The first passport offence in many years has been brought to light.

Edward Francis Newman has been fined £50 or six months' for procuring a passport five years ago for himself and Nina Kovaleva falsely representing the latter as his wife, although he had a legal wife and a grown-up daughter.

The prosecution viewed the case seriously.

STOP PRESS

The following note was issued this morning by the Naval Authorities:

From information received it was believed that an attempt was to be made to pirate the Norwegian s.s. "Prosper" on a voyage from Hong Kong to Swatow on the night of April 6-7.

Certain precautions were taken by the Naval Authorities and the Police in conjunction, and the s.s. "Prosper" arrived safely at Swatow without an attempt being made to pirate her as far as is known.

The "Prosper" was built in 1917 by the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. She is steel screw and her tonnage is 2,232.

Nanking, To-day.

General Ma Kun, who has been defending Kan Chow in the Changsi Province against 100,000 Communists, has arrived for a conference with General Chiang Kai-shek and General Ho Ying-ching.

General Ma declares that the Communist leaders, including the notorious Chu Teh, are making a determined drive to occupy Kan Chow, which they wish to make the capital of the "Soviet Government of China," which government they intend to establish.

ARREST OF WOMAN FINANCIER

DEAN HEWLETT JOHNSON.

Returns to Shanghai After Tour.

IMPRESSIONS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, To-day. Dean Hewlett Johnson has returned to Shanghai following a tour in Hunan and round about Hankow, where he has been impressed by the effective measures taken for flood administration.

People in North Anhwei, said, were eating bark, chaff, weeds, and mulberry leaves.

The Dean expressed the conviction that the English Christian Society would miss an immense opportunity, if it withholds help from China to finish so stupendous a task.

He hopes that plans for a Mansion House fund would prove successful.

LANG—LYONS CONTROVERSY.

N.S.W.'s Premier Defends Action.

STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DISPUTE.

Sydney, Yesterday. Defence of his action in barring out Federal authorities from New South Wales' income tax offices is made by Mr. Lang in a letter to Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Lang declares that the Federal Government's proclamation sequestering parts of New South Wales' revenue is a repudiation of the 1923 Financial Agreement which provides that the State should act as the authority for the issue of assessments and collect both State and Federal income taxes. Therefore, New South Wales rescinded the agreement.

Meanwhile, to-day, large numbers of persons paid their State taxes into the Commonwealth Bank and, it is remarked, that they showed enthusiasm which is usually lacking on such occasions.

Mr. Lang declares that the public call box and, after getting into touch with the useful exchange "aunt," tell one's story, being mindful to punctuate each succeeding 20 words which drop from one's mouth by a crown dropped into the box.

Leave it to the automatic policeman has made his appearance in Prague, and lightens the burdens of the man in uniform.

On the main street an automatic machine has been placed in charge of a uniformed official, who has a numbered list of possible questions,

and when he presses the required button, if the information is within the scope of the machine, it will throw out a folder giving, say, names and addresses of reliable lawyers, restaurants, hat shops, grocers up to the number of 200, and different traders and professional men. As all information is given gratis, one suspects that this is just a new and discerning way of advertising.

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POLAND PREPARING FOR WAR?

Soviet Press's Accusation.

POLISH FACISTS FEVERISHLY ACTIVE.

Moscow, Yesterday. Sensational accusations of war preparations are levelled against Poland by the Soviet press. Commenting on the result of the trial of Stein and Vasileff, the organ of the Central Council of the Trade Unions states that people arriving from Warsaw with diplomatic passports are organising terrorist activities here. It is also stated that the question of the conversion of Western Ukraine into a bridge for the purpose of gaining access to Soviet Ukraine is being openly discussed, while "demonstrative" visits of the general staffs of Poland and Rumania are occurring, accompanied by feverish war preparations by Fascist Poland.—Reuter.

THE AUTOMATIC POLICEMAN.

Questions Answered by Pressing A Button.

TELEPHONE "AUNT".

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN GERMANY

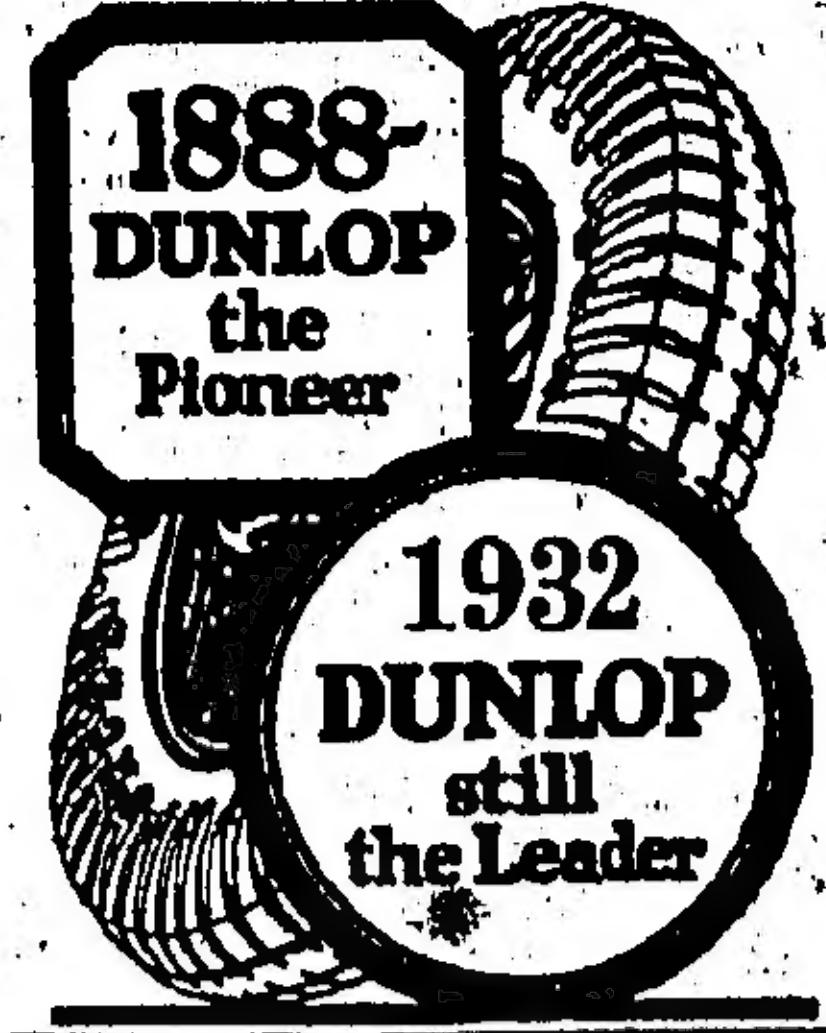
WALK OVER PREDICTED FOR HINDENBURGH

Berlin, Yesterday. The latest forecast of the result of the Presidential election on Sunday, is that Hindenburgh will poll nineteen million votes, Hitler 12,500,000, Thaelmann (Communist) four million.

The early lethargy of electors is due to the belief that Hindenburgh's return is a certainty, but this is being countered by intensive electioneering for Hindenburgh by the Republican organisation "Iron Front" and Bruening and other Cabinet Ministers.

A huge poll is expected.

Nazis also are being active, but the Communists are very quiet in view of the hopelessness of Thaelmann's candidature.—Reuter.





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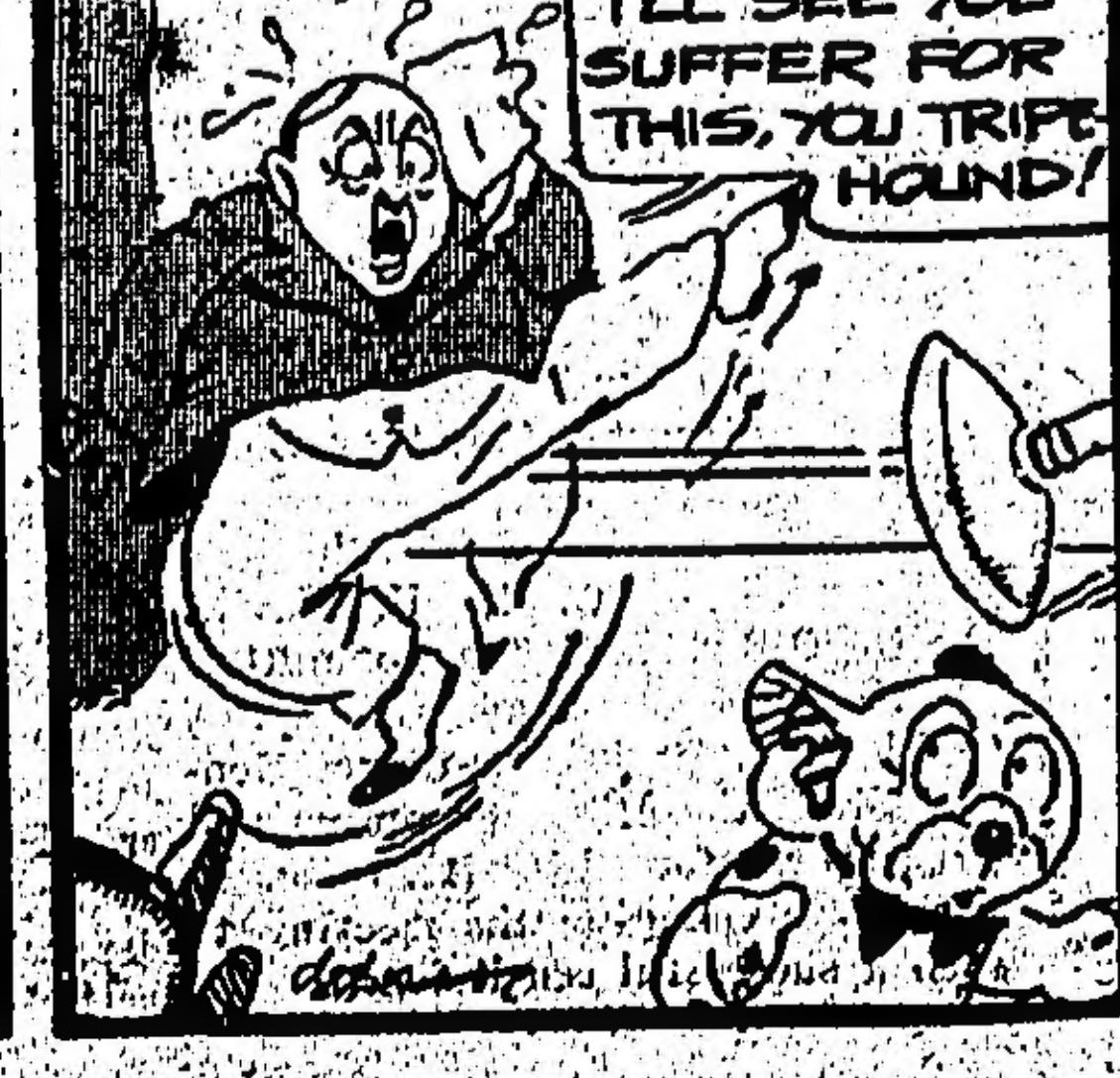
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The WOMAN'S Page

Surprises In The Molyneux Collection

By M. H.

Paris.
Molyneux is at his most successful when he follows a very simple line. The present collection shows this simple line with one or two little additions which give it individuality. Skirts, for instance, hang as though they had been sloped in very low down. This appears to be the case both in dresses and in suit skirts. There are other skirts which open very neatly over some front pleats. If these were long they would suggest Queen Anne. As a contrast to the downward line of the pleats there are horizontal lines round the skirt at widely spaced intervals. Horizontal lines are rare, due very largely to the materials used. Sometimes they are wavy as well. Coats are made with horizontal lines as well as skirts. A plain suit may have an overblouse with horizontal stripes. A very becoming form of suit has a plain cardigan coat with square pockets worn over a striped overblouse. Moles, beiges, shades of grey are all used in this interest, and they are enlivened with an orange scarf, skilfully twisted round the neck, tied from one shoulder to another, sometimes inserted into the belt.

Sports Dress.

A model shows a sports dress. The model shows a sports dress and short coat in grey Angora material, trimmed with red and white spotted material, which is also introduced into the cap. The big collar and revers may be noted and the wide effect on the shoulders which makes for slim hips. The arrangement of the hip-yoke is also contrived for slimness, and the point runs naturally into the front pleats. Here and there parti-colouring is successfully carried

out. With a plain mole or beige skirt may be worn an overblouse of which half the bodice and basque are mole, while the opposite side of the basque is in the same tone, the rest being beige. This gives some amusing contrasts.

Molyneux is very skilful with little colour surprises. A blue coat may have white facings and an ochre lining. A white coat may be faced with black and worn with a black dress having a divided skirt and tied with a white bow. Overskirts are used a good deal here, and they are most becoming with their double line and their flattering slimming effect. With them are worn straight little belted coats, sometimes with a loose back to them. A blue belted dress has a double skirt of which the top one reaches to just below the knees, both being very straight and slender. Round the square neck is a brightly coloured scarf.

Lower Waists.

Bloused backs have been reintroduced here also, with flattering effect. Waists are lower. Pleated skirts with very straight lines have a wide, plain border which slopes in a little on flower-pot lines. Worn with a belted coat of very plain cut this gives a good deal of variation to the general surface. With the slim double skirts three-quarter loose coats are worn with some elegance. With the bell sleeves and the slim dress underneath, these loose coats give a fragile appearance to the wearer, as though any thickness or width positively could not belong to her. Skirts are made rather smart with button outlining of the hips, below which are a few pleats at the knees or merely a bell-shaped skirt.

Evening frocks here are a little



Clearing Out The Odds And Ends

By C. N.

There are few things more difficult in a spring-cleaning campaign than the determination to clear out radically the accumulation of the winter months and the clutter which somehow was spared in previous years. In the small modern house or flat books must be kept down to the minimum and a yearly weeding out is almost necessary. Detective novels, stories of films, reprints of the classics, and all that miscellaneous collection of books which lie on the borders between school-books (often kept for sentimental reasons) and books "worth keeping" can be sorted radically.

It is difficult to find a purchaser of the odds and ends of books. I lately sent a list of books from my shelves, which had been marked down to go, to two well-known booksellers. Many of the books were first editions and in good condition. The answer in both cases was that they had duplicates of all the books mentioned. A bundle of them would probably fetch a few shillings at a dealer's, but the best of them I shall keep for presents, and store them in an empty trunk for birthdays and future Christmases. The others will go to a small bazaar where they have a second-hand bookstall. Many clubs and social settlements are glad to replenish their libraries by gifts of readable books.

Getting rid of discarded clothes is a fairly simple affair, especially if you know a good wardrobe dealer who will come and inspect your collection. It is as well to decide beforehand which coat or which suit is worth most and have it priced

separately. A heap of odds and ends may go for a few shillings, including, perhaps, one article which is worth more than the whole lot. Good boots and shoes which will stand resoling always find a ready market, as do men's suits which are not entirely worn through at the elbows and knees. The old dress suit, however, is always a problem. The dealer is not keen to buy it, as it will be an addition to his dead stock. However good the cloth and the silk facings, no one will want to buy it.

The task of parting with odds and ends is always difficult, especially when they have been with you a long time. A bamboo table, however ugly it may be, may have held generations of newspapers and magazines and pamphlets, and you could nearly always find something interesting on it. I know a little furniture dealer, with most of his stock on the pavement, who will jump at the sight of one of them and give a good price. He is fond, too, of old wooden washstands, which, cut down, make excellent tables for small kitchens.

Linoleum, which may be discarded in favour of stained boards, is always sure of a buyer. Strips of all shapes and sizes are acceptable. Pictures should be looked at twice before clearance—their frames may be worth keeping. A clean sweep of gimbicks, gewgaws, and mantel piece ornaments of all sorts will not bring much money. Here and there a white elephant stall will be glad of them, which means that they are passed on to another unfortunate at house to await another clearing out.



LINGERIE NOTES.

In the day time, the Parisienne wears a thin silk vest, a corset, a second vest, and pants of finest woven silk, in white, pale pink or blue. Over this foundation goes a frock of fine opaque material.

In the evening, she wears a corset, or corselet—chemise and knickers of crepe-de-chine and lace, and, if the frock is of satin, nothing more is needed; if it is lace or some other transparent stuff, there is the silk foundation.



different from those seen elsewhere. Many of the skirts are split up the front and trail away from the split to some distance behind. Sheaths are seen on very stately lines. Some bodices have a trimmed, round neck, while on the skirt the round line is inverted above the knees and from its inside curve fall pleats to the ground. The bodice may be slightly bloused, but the hips are kept very taut. Some hips are so seamed as to produce a sort of criss-cross of material. A long straight train looks very well with this. A one-shouldered effect is seen in some evening frocks, the neck having a deep bias line, the lower end of which is suspended by an almost invisible attachment. On the other shoulder may be a fairly large bow. Some of the longer bodices are plain, with a round neck and chemise shoulders. They may be worn with a fussy skirt, bell shaped and with scallops of tucks all over it. A bateau neck is made by draping a scarf from one shoulder to the other. Where skirts have a full appearance this is often occasioned by means of a long panel at each hip. These are worn over a shorter skirt with a split front. Some skirts here are only ankle length.

Molyneux has a charming little wrap to go with an evening frock which looks like a scarf gathered (Continued at Foot of Column 7.)

up into sleeves at each end and bellowed out behind by the wind. This ends at the waist and has all the advantages of the short jacket and the bloused back. Short capes also appear as wraps. Sometimes dresses have little capes attached to them. These fall in folds and have a distinct slant. A becoming velvet cape which recalls another epoch is made simply of two pleated rows of velvet and is almost like a tiled roof to the rest of the dress. Sheath frocks are really sheath-like, only having a few creases at the waist as though to show that they can bend, and inclining towards a little fullness at the back. They appear as evening and day dresses alike.

By George Studdy

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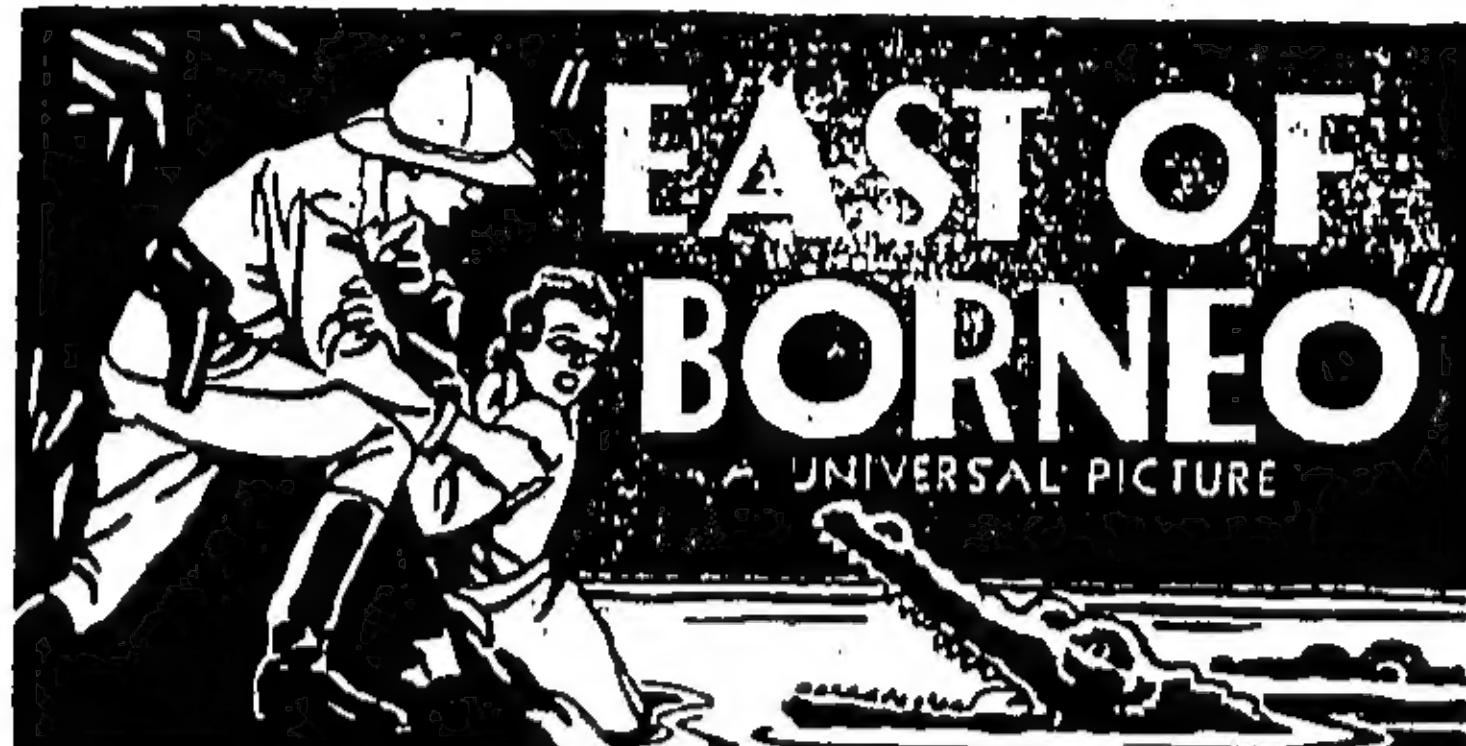
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

RUMJAHN ENTERS
THE FINAL.Defeats Lo in Straight
Sets in Replay.

GOLDMAN CLUB CHAMPION.

S. A. Rumjahn yesterday accomplished what all tennis enthusiasts expected—he beat M. W. Lo in straight sets to enter the final where he will be opposed to E. C. Fincher. He had had his lesson in the first match, which was abandoned after four sets, and yesterday he clearly demonstrated that the fortune which had smiled upon him in that previous encounter had served its purpose. He gave Lo a very sound trouncing, though the loser put up a grand fight. The second set was the best of the match, and had Lo been able to annex it after holding a 4-love lead a different story might have been told.

Full results of yesterday's play in the Lawn Tennis Championships were as follows:—

Open Singles.

(Semi-final Replay).
S. A. Rumjahn beat M. W. Lo 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

Club Championship Final.
L. Goldman beat A. L. Sullivan 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A".
Lampard beat Penn 6-2, 6-2.
Clarke beat Beck 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.
Owen Hughes and Mrs. Hall beat Redmond and Mrs. James 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

JAT REGIMENT TO
THE FORE.H.K. Area Small Arms
Meeting.

CONCLUDING DAY.

The Hong Kong Area Small Arms meeting was concluded yesterday with the Platoon Match which was opened to three teams per Infantry Battalion, and which resulted as follows:—

"A" coy 3/9th Jat Rgt. 1; "C" coy 3/9th Jat Rgt. 2.

The best match of the meeting was the Inter-company and Battery Knock-out competition. This competition was open to all units in the Command, both Infantry and Departmental Units, and consisted of the teams being in the prime position on the 400 yards firing point. On the word "Advance," teams ran to the 300 yards range, loaded with 10 rounds and opened fire at eight plates. The first team to knock down the greatest number of plates in one minute, won the event. The last two teams were "B" coy. S. W. Borderers and Hd. Qr. Wing 3/9th Jat Rgt., who were the eventual winners.

The winners of the various other matches were:

Team Revolver match—"B" coy 3/9th Jat Rgt., 1; "A" Coy 3/9th Jat Rgt., 2.

Light automatic Team Match—"A" coy 3/9th Jat Rgt., 1; "B" coy 3/9th Jat Rgt., 2.

Major-General J. W. Sandilands C.E., C.M.G., patron of the meeting, presented the trophies to the winners, in the afternoon.

He said how deeply he regretted the fact, that the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders had not been able to take part in the meeting owing to the emergency in Shanghai. Had they been represented, he was sure, that many of the prizes would have gone to that Battalion, which was renowned for its sporting traditions. He trusted that they would soon be back.

Many thanks were due to the President, Colonel C. R. U. Saville, D.S.O., O.B.E., and the Committee, for its excellent organisation, and to Lieut. J. Barkerly-Clegg, General Staff, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, for his indefatigable efforts in bringing the meeting to such a successful conclusion.

Macao Greyhound
Racing

Full results of the 29th and 30th Meetings of the Macao Greyhound Racing Club which were decided last Saturday and Sunday are appended as follows:—

29TH MEETING.

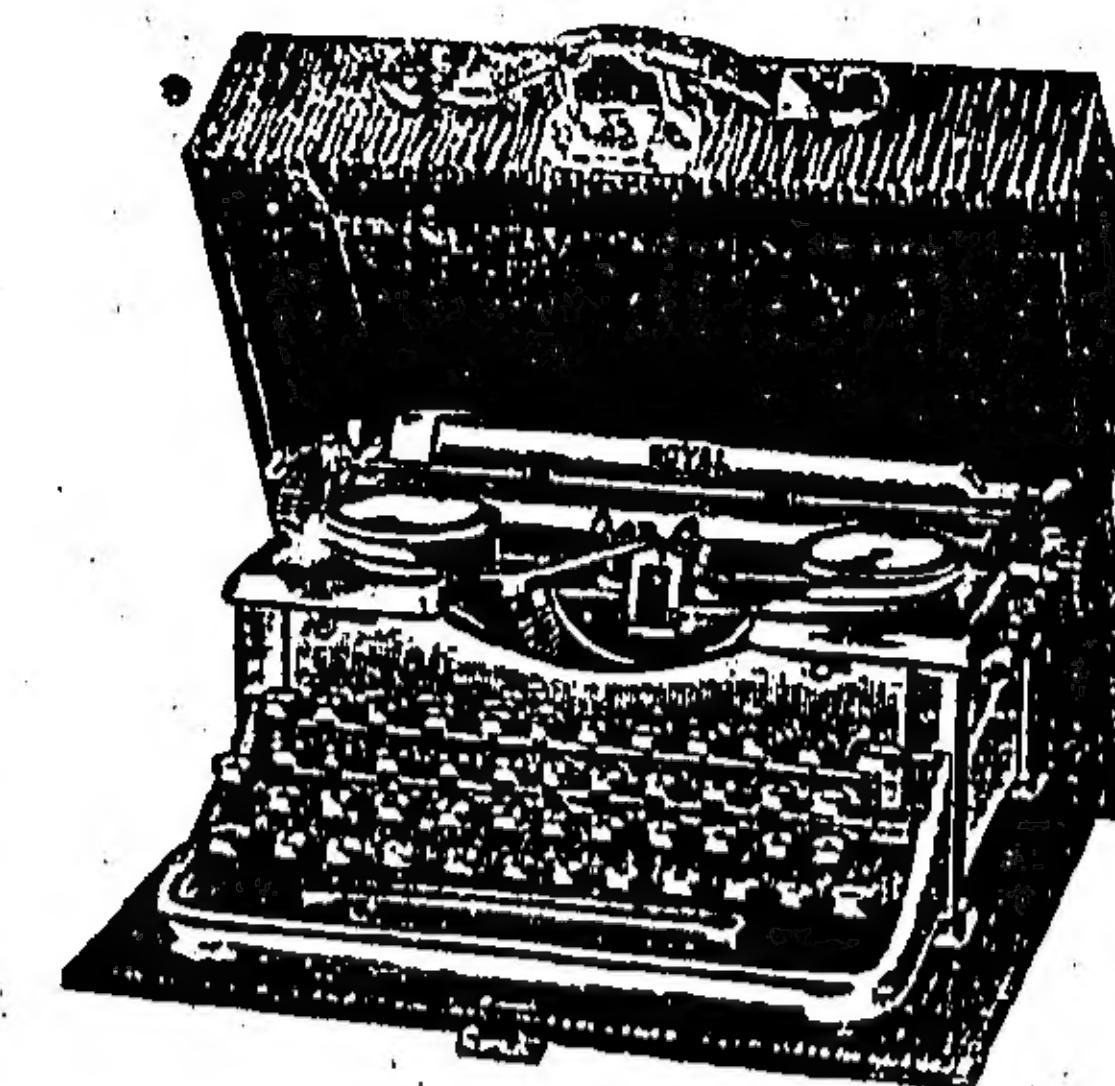
The "Shameen" Stakes, 300 yards.
Sr. F. R. de Carvalho's Briliante 1 18.00
Sr. L. Tung's Seagrave 2 18.03
Mme. Fung Cheuk Hin's His Master's Voice 3 18.12
Also ran—Great Delight, The Terror, Best Job, Doctorship.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$6; Place \$2.80, \$4.70, \$5.50.
Won by 3 lengths, 4 lengths.
Time: 18 seconds.
The "Chung Shan" Handicap, 525 yards.
Sr. L. H. Richards' Charming Gipsy 1 32.96
Mile. I. L. McMurdo's Nobody's Fancy 2 32.42
Stelly & Victor's Ralph 3 33.17
Also ran—Cremorne, Generalship, Safron, Slogger.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$6.60; Place \$8, \$3, \$3.90.
Won by 4 lengths, 2½ lengths.
The "Vasco da Gama" Handicap, 525 yards.
Sr. P. F. Schen's Black Cloud 1 32.28
Sr. J. L. Fletcher's Wee Lassie 2 32.19
Sr. H. Henley's Florentina 3 33.12
Also ran—Sasland, Two's Dan, Silver Dragon, Red Bill.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$8.60; Place \$2.80, \$3.00, \$3.10.
Won by ½ lengths, ½ length.
The "Amoy" Stakes, 300 yards.
Sr. K. T. Wang's War Plume 1 17.90
Mme. Simpson Sung's Lady Gnu 2 17.02
Sr. C. H. Henry Chen's Cinderella 2 17.02
Also ran: Hector, Information, Black Bill, Switzerland.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$13.80; Place \$2.60, 2nd \$2.40, 2nd \$2.30.
Won by 2 lengths, Dead Heat.
Time: 17.90 Seconds.
The "Green Island" Handicap 525 yards.
Stelly & Virtor's Hussar 1 33.78
Sr. Robert V. U. Wang's Yellow Dragon 2 33.78
Sr. K. T. Wang's May Bill 3 33.97
Also ran: Square Deal, Leadership, Princess Vanity, Black Wind.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$5.70; Place \$2.60, \$2.40, \$3.10.
Won by 3 lengths, 1½ lengths.

30TH MEETING.

The "Amoy" Stakes, 300 yards.
M.G.R.C.'s Spring Day 1 20.00
M.G.R.C.'s Whisper 2 20.03
M.G.R.C.'s My Pal 3 20.12
Also ran: Local Star White Colar, My Gal, Dreamland.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$4.50; Place \$2.40, \$2.50, \$3.00.
Won by ½ length, 1½ lengths.
Time: 20 Seconds.
The "Nanking" Stakes, 500 yards.
M.G.R.C.'s Silvius 1 31.60
M.G.R.C.'s Lily "B" 2 31.68
M.G.R.C.'s My Top 3 31.75
Also ran: Marquette, Soochow, Ginger Mick, Ever Famous.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$7.70; Place \$2.70, \$5.20, \$2.80.
Won by ½ length, 2 lengths.
Time: 31.60 Seconds.
The "Shameen" Stakes, 300 yards.
M.G.R.C.'s Lux 1 18.60
M.G.R.C.'s Handsome Harry 2 18.61
M.G.R.C.'s Tarey 3 18.62
Also ran: Hilda Goldsmith, Tinkle, Fond Memory, Honolulu Girl.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$17; Place \$2.70, \$2.50, \$2.80.
Won by short head, short head.
Time: 18.60 Seconds.
The "Hongkong" Stakes 500 yards.
M.G.R.C.'s Flyaway 1 32.50
M.G.R.C.'s Mr. Pickwick 2 32.55
M.G.R.C.'s Liubo 3 33.55
Also ran: Feigned Heart, Royal Tea, Express, Blue Sea.
Pari-Mutuels: Win \$7.40; Place \$2.70, \$2.40, \$3.70.
Won by 18 lengths, 3 head.
Time: 32.50 Seconds.
The "Canton" Stakes, 500 yards.
M.G.R.C.'s Lord Raspberry 1 31.90
M.G.R.C.'s Cloudy Knoll 2 32.62
M.G.R.C.'s John Willy Go On 3 33.82
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Lecture.

THE GEORGE BENNIE RAIL-PLANE

GLASGOW ENGINEER'S INVENTION.

Cheap to Construct and Maintain.

By Prof. W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., A.M.I.E.E.

Last night, addressing the Hong Kong University Engineering Society, Professor W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., A.M.I.E.E., delivered the following interesting lecture.

The Chairman of the meeting was Mr. H. Z. Hoe; and a vote of thanks to the lecturer was proposed by Mr. A. H. Fenwick, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., President of the Society.

In the course of his address the lecturer said that:

The persistent demand for improved transport, with greater speed, safety, comfort, and economy has caused the gradual evolution of railway trains, motor cars, steam and motor ships, aeroplanes and airships, to their present remarkable stages of development. Each of these modes of travel has its own special advantages and disadvantages relative to the others, and each is a compromise. When speed is the principal consideration the aeroplane undoubtedly comes first. It has the further merit that no track need be constructed for it, and in this respect resembles the ship that sails the seas. But though improvements are continually being devised, it cannot be said yet that the aeroplane is free from danger, and there are still many people who, with ample opportunities are unwilling to trust themselves to the thrills of flying.

Long distance trains can give one a remarkable degree of comfort, and an average speed of nearly 60 miles per hour. The passenger carrying plane of to-day can give quite reasonable comfort, and an average speed of approximately double that of the fast train.

If we may wish to describe the Rail-Plane in the briefest way, we might call it an attempt to combine the safety of the railway train with the speed of the aeroplane. That is how the name rail-plane originated. It is like an aeroplane that cannot fall down. Yet the name is not wholly appropriate as the car which is used, has no wings or "planes," but resembles a small airship rather than an aeroplane. The title "aero-railway" would perhaps be better. Yet one must admit the right of an inventor to give his own offspring any name he likes!

Rail Plane Origination.

The idea of the rail-plane originated in the fertile brain of Mr. George Bennie, a well-known Glasgow engineer, who has several other inventions to his credit.

During his recent period at home Professor Brown met Mr. Bennie, discussed the rail-plane with him, and some of his colleagues, saw the splendid working model in his office, and inspected the full-scale demonstration line erected on the northern edge of Glasgow.

The car has accommodation for 20 people with its present seating arrangements, but with less luxury could take in quite double that number. The body is largely of duralumin, and with motors and all equipment weighs only about four tons. Thus the dead weight is about equal to the carrying capacity. Contrast this with an ordinary passenger train on a railway, where all the passengers and their baggage may weigh only 6 or 7 per cent. of the empty train!

The car is suspended from the mono-rail overhead, and the track wheels run on roller-bearings, with the minimum of resistance.

Bennie's Novel Idea.

These wheels themselves embody a novel idea of Mr. Bennie, viz. a ring of rubber inside the tyre. This gives wonderful freedom from noise. The only function of these wheels is to support the car, and run quietly and smoothly. They are not used for driving the car, nor for braking either. In the case of the familiar railway engine, the effort it can give to the train is proportional to the weight resting on the driving wheels. This pulling force can be increased by the use of sand, to increase the coefficient of friction, and it may be reduced almost to zero if there are tunnels or over-bridges, or very sharp bends, or excessive gradients.

Of course, the rail-plane track would need to deviate from the ordinary road or railway whenever any cause the rail becomes slippery. But in the Bennie rail-plane, the condition of the rail makes no

over hitherto untouched country, it should be observed that very little levelling would be necessary, as many changes of ground level would be compensated by using trestles of different heights, and these trestles could be built up from standardised parts.

Also, the ground would be very little disturbed by the erection of a rail-plane overhead. Instead of cuttings and embankments and tunnels we would have merely small concrete foundations, spaced about 60 feet apart, to support the trestles, while between these points streams, roads, existing rail-ways, and agricultural land would remain undisturbed.

Again, each car requires only one driver, and the number of cars required would be small, on account of their high speed of travel and quick turn-round. Mr. Bennie had discussed with the lecturer the probable service if a line were constructed between Glasgow and Edinburgh. This is a distance of about 50 miles. A car, accommodating say 40 passengers, could do this journey in 25 minutes, and could be back at the starting point ready for a second outward trip, in little over one hour. Hence, only seven cars would be required to maintain normally a 10-minutes service, conveying each way about 240 passengers per hour.

Kowloon-Canton Rail-plane?

Perhaps some day we may see a Bennie Rail-plane running between Kowloon and Canton, over the existing railway.

The only region in which a large deviation would be necessary would be between Yaumati and Shatin, and over that section the aero-railway could follow very approximately the route taken by the motor road. The journey between Canton and Kowloon would take just about one hour.

The cars of a Bennie aero-railway could be run in either direction with equal ease, but not with equal efficiency. The propellers are less efficient when running in reverse. Hence it is intended to run the cars usually in one direction only, and thus it is necessary to provide a turn-table, or a "Y", or a loop, at each terminus.

The lecturer was of the opinion that the Bennie Rail-Plane would probably prove satisfactory, both mechanically, and economically. The process of invention may be regarded as complete and now the inventor is mainly concerned with advertisement and propaganda.

Encouraging enquiries have already been received from railways, transport companies, and governments in many parts of the world, and one may hope to see the rail-plane adopted in many places at an early date.

The lecture was illustrated by a set of excellent lantern-slides, presented to Professor Brown by Mr. George Bennie.

MACAO RACING.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Also ran: Chader Black, Rokie, Hot Mama, Kung Pao.

Pari-Mutuels: Win \$5.50; Place \$2.40, \$2.70, \$4.50.

Won by 12 lengths, 15 lengths.

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The "Green Island" Handicap

Hurdles, 525 yards.

M.G.R.C.'s Reliance 1 35.20

M.G.R.C.'s Hiawatha 2 36.34

M.G.R.C.'s Silver Knight 3 36.74

Also ran: King Pippin, Buntly,

Boge Boy.

The "Shanghai" Stakes, 500

yards.

M.G.R.C.'s Jillander 1 32.20

M.G.R.C.'s Benny Drew 2 32.44

M.G.R.C.'s Goldong 3 32.45

Also ran: Lavissa, Gold Duke,

My Boy, Frontier Ladie,

Pari-Mutuels: Win \$5.30; Place

\$2.70, \$5.30, \$3.20.

Won by 4 lengths, short head.

Time: 32.20 Seconds.

The "Kowloon" Stakes, 300 yards.

M.G.R.C.'s Egyptian King 1 19.40

M.G.R.C.'s Dusty Maid 2 19.49

M.G.R.C.'s Fair 3 19.55

Also ran: My Lad, Montana

Morning Hope, My Mate,

Pari-Mutuels: Win \$7.20; Place

\$2.80, \$4.60, \$2.70.

Won by 1½ lengths, 1 length.

Time: 19.40 Seconds.

The "Chung Shan" Stakes, 625

yards.

M.G.R.C.'s Whirlwind 1 40.07

M.G.R.C.'s Kayna Randa 2 40.01

M.G.R.C.'s Hotty 3 40.10

Also ran: Mona T., Miss

Modesty, Rockhampton, Mary D.

Pari-Mutuels: Win \$7.70; Place

\$3.20, \$2.80, \$3.20.

Won by short head, 1½ lengths.

Time: 40.30 Seconds.

The "Macao" Stakes, 600 yards.

M.G.R.C.'s Showtown 1 31.00

M.G.R.C.'s S.M.G. Glory 2 31.12

Also ran: G. C. S., Schatzen,

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"GET-RICH-QUICK-WALLINGFORD."

Imagine having a cheque for \$25,000, certified and perfectly good, but being in a spot where to endorse and cash it meant jail! It doesn't sound possible, but William Haines, Jimmy (Schnozzle) Durante, and Ernest Torrence prove that it can be done. The situation is one of the amusing complications of "New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford" which will open to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

The comedy romance of love and high finance was suggested by the popular Cosmopolitan Magazine stories of George Randolph Chester. Haines plays the famous get-rich-quick expert in the adventures of the master graftor; Durante, the renowned New York stage comedian makes his first talking picture appearance as the riotous chauffeur; and saxophone-playing Blackie Daw is played by Torrence. Lella Hyams, who played opposite Haines in "Way Out West," "The Girl Said No," and other pictures, is the heroine.

"BEHIND OFFICE DOORS."

Should wives pick their husband's secretaries? Business men will say "No!" most emphatically. Yet there are some wives and fiancees who think their domestic duties extend to their husbands' offices. But this isn't good business, according to Robert Ames, who plays the role of a busy office executive in "Behind Office Doors," now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

A good looking private secretary," says the actor, "is a distinct asset to a paying business and a great attraction to new trade."

And when the private secretary is as charming and capable as Mary Astor, who plays a leading role, who is there to dispute his keeping her on even though an apprehensive fiancee objects?

"EAST OF BORNEO."

One of the most remarkable motion pictures ever shown in the Colony. This unusual drama opened an engagement at the Central Theatre yesterday, and at once im-

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Scenically, "East of Borneo" is full of wild charm. Most of the scenes take place in the palace of the rajah, a picturesque ruin situated on the bank of a crocodile-infested river, with an active volcano topping the mountain range in the middle distance. The cast, headed by Rose Hobart and Charles Hickford, is excellent. These two players are ideally suited to their roles, as are also Georges Renavent, Lupita Tovar and Noble Johnson. The efforts of these artistes are supplemented by several hundred native Malays, who supply the "finishing touch" to a screen production which is in every way remarkable. Universal and Director George Melford may well be proud of "East of Borneo."

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And when the private secretary is as charming and capable as Mary Astor, who plays a leading role, who is there to dispute his keeping her on even though an apprehensive fiancee objects?

"THE SANTA FE TRAIL."

Two child actresses play the leading feminine roles in "The Santa Fe Trail," filmed Hal G. Evans' novel, "Spanish Acres," now showing at the King's Theatre. The players are Rosita Moreno, appearing opposite Richard Arlen, and Mitzi Green, who carries the juvenile interest of the picture with Junior Durkin. Mitzi is still a child actress. At nine, she is enjoying the popularity on the American screen that Rosita held on the South American dancing stage at the same age. Being an interpreter of the difficult Castilian dances, Rosita's debut as a child favourite, was delayed a couple of years past that of Mitzi. However, their careers are parallel. Rosita learned to dance almost as soon as she could walk; Mitzi was mimicking grown-ups before she could talk. Both were born into stage families. Rosita was the daughter of La Pilarica and Face Moreno, dancers; Mitzi's parents are Joe Keno and Rose Green, vaudeville performers. Rosita and Mitzi have lived behind the stage scenes all of their lives. Both made their debuts at the age of three. Rosita won a children's dancing contest in Mexico City at that age, while at three Mitzi first stepped on to the stage as a mimic, imitating Sadie Burt, who happened to be on the same bill with Mitzi's parents.

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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 9, 1932:

in the biblical aphorism "sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Such an attitude must give way to vision, and intelligent anticipation—looking ahead.

Economy is a word which to-day readily falls from the lips of authority when confronted by problems which require energetic tackling... Like charity it is, we suspect, being used as a cloak to cover many sins of omission. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga hit the nail on the head on Thursday when he commented on what the Chairman of the Finance Committee had to say about the provision of a children's playground in Kowloon... This is what Mr. Braga said:

"In other words, this is a very ECONOMIC SOLUTION of the difficulties which presented themselves to the Government."

But intensive development of, at present, restricted areas brings, if not evils then certain disadvantages in its train. Such, for example, as overcrowding and congestion. And these disadvantages take their toll of the men and women and children who, for many reasons, mainly economic, are unable to get away from them. And the toll levied—a heavy one—is in the shape of ill-health, disease, and even death. Those who pay the heaviest price are usually children.

It is, therefore, of vital importance that to-day, and not to-morrow or the day after, steps should be taken to provide the unfortunate people with amenities that will enable them to cope with the environment which is gradually being forced upon them. The amenities to which reference is being made are, of course, open spaces, parks and playgrounds, for the children. These are to-day regarded not as civic luxuries but essentials for the welfare of the community, as a whole. All modern town-planning schemes make ample provision for what have been described as the "lungs" of the people. Such great importance is attached to the provision of "lungs" that corporations, municipalities and even governments, in the case of ancient towns and cities in which hygiene and health had been sacrificed in the past to the almighty dollar, rupee or pound, have spent large sums of money in order to remedy defects in this respect handed down by the generations that have gone before. And such monies spent—they have amounted to huge sums—have been regarded as well spent.

Kowloon is a modern developing area. Such immense sums of money, as other older towns have been obliged to spend, need not be spent today, or at any time in the future, if those in authority realise their duty to the generation of the day, and the generations to be. And if this is so, in spite of the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Dupuy are to sail for home to-day, was delayed by fog on the way here from Shanghai. She arrived in port only this morning and, therefore, will not depart until 4 p.m. instead of noon.

Apparently tied up, Lam Wu (50), a coxswain on board H.M.S. Tamar, is alleged to have attempted to commit suicide in the kitchen of 218 Hennessy Road yesterday by impaling himself with a chopper. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and his condition regarded as critical.

A Chinese widow living at 100 Shanghai Street was reported to the police at 11 a.m. that she had set fire to her sewing machine, valised and other belongings, and had then attempted to commit suicide.

THE LATE MR. M. MANUK.

Funeral Service at Happy Valley.

CREMATION AT SOOKUNPOO.

There was a large and representative gathering of mourners and friends and representatives of all sections of the Colony's community present at the funeral of Mr. Malcolm Manuk, of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., which took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon.

The chief mourner was Mr. T. M. Gregory, (brother-in-law), together with Mr. J. Russell, President of the Theosophical Lodge, Mr. A. Stevenson, Manager of the Dairy Farm, and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

The Rev. L. N. Watkins read the Service, after which the remains were taken to Sookunpo Valley, where they were cremated on the Japanese Crematorium.

Those present at the funeral, in addition to the chief mourners, were:—Messrs. H. Hallgren, H. A. Gregory, H. A. Lammert, E. S. Ford, D. M. Goodall, F. P. Franklin, L. R. Andrews, E. J. Ainslie, J. Owen Hughes, J. D. Thomson, D. O. da Silva, Jean Hund, J. Pestonjee, B. Pasco, Dedeoglu, Ho Kom-ton, J. W. Carroll, A. W. Brown, Wei Tat, H. M. H. Esmai, B. W. Bradbury, F. Linenthal, R. K. Modi, Ezra Abraham, H. Seth, J. H. Seth, E. S. Kern, W. S. Bailey, D. Tollan, D. C. Wilson, K. de S. Robertson, J. H. Ruttonjee, D. MacFarlane, D. K. Kharas, A. Mackenzie, C. Gregory, H. W. Page, M. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tobias, Mr. and Mrs. Castro, Mr. and Mrs. Talati, Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, Rev. Karl Ludwig Reichelt, Mrs. R. C. Moses, Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, Mr. I. L. Goldenberg, and many others.

The several hundred wreaths sent one from "Your fond sister, Mary," "Auntie," Tigran Harold, Mack and Phyllis, Seth and Nellie, Henry and Pilar, Douglas and Mabel, Rugby and Ralph, Lily and Gladys, Leo, Grace and Sophie, Gladys, Mabel and Johnny, Hikamosh and George, Tsagk, Harry and Sirkles, Halk, Min and family, Sonny and Archie.

Other floral tributes were sent by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

MAN WHO WAS MISSING A YEAR.

A strange narrative of a young man's disappearance, fared death by drowning, and return after more than a year's silence, was told in a village near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

It is the story of Mr. Noel Austin Harvey, whose home is at Beddington, near Croydon. His motor-car was found abandoned in November 1930 on the front at Brighton, with some of his clothes on the beach 300 yards away.

An account of his adventures was pieced together by his relatives, who are nursing him back to health.

The first news that Mr. Harvey, who is 25, was alive, was received by his aunt, Mrs. Tucker, in a letter he wrote from a hospital. By this time, a year after his disappearance, even his relatives believed him dead.

Collapse in Road.

Mrs. Tucker said that Mr. Harvey had suffered from a breakdown.

"From what he has been able to tell us without pressure," she went on, "he wandered away from the beach without having his swim. His memory had gone, and he did not realise his surroundings.

"For days he roamed the countryside, until he was found lying in the roadway in a state of collapse and was taken to hospital. It is an ambulance.

"He was ill for some months and no one had reason to connect him with the man reported missing and feared drowned."

Later he recovered sufficiently to realize his position and then wrote to me. He afterwards came here to recuperate.

Personal, Part II.

Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung together with their daughter leave the Colony to-day to go to the U.S.A. General Conference, and Congress of American

The Written Word.

WINSTON CHURCHILL WRITES ABOUT RELIGION

CHARMING STORIES OF CHINESE, INDIAN AND JAPANESE PHILOSOPHIC THOUGHT.

A Tale of the Canadian Prairie.

China Mail Reviews.

The Inside of the Cup by Winston Churchill (Macmillan).

"Not a new book. It was published first in 1918, since when there have been five other editions, so far as I am aware. The edition

of which I am concerned is that introduced and exploited in manner

painfully amateurish and unconvincing. It may be an "Incredible Tale" but its incredibility is not in the least entertaining.—R.

How Should We Read a Book?

In the first place, a good reader will give the writer the benefit of every doubt; the help of all his imagination will follow as closely, interpret as intelligently as he can.

In the next place, he will judge with the utmost severity. Every book, he will remember, has the right to be judged by the best of its kind. He will be adventurous, broad in his choice, true to his own instincts yet ready to consider those of other people. This is an outline which can be filled in at taste and at leisure, but to read something after this fashion is to be a reader, whom writers respect. It is by the means of such readers that masterpieces are helped into the world...

It is true that we get nothing whatsoever except pleasure from reading; it is true that the wisest of us is unable to say what that pleasure may be. But that pleasure—mysterious, unknown, unless it is—is enough.

Virginia Woolf.

Failure.

The difference between success and failure can be defined only by what we are really trying to do. There are so-called failures who may be splendid successes, and there are many successes who prove in the end to be the saddest failures. There is still such a thing as gaining the whole world and losing our souls.

The Chrysanthemum.

The Chrysanthemum was born at the same time as the "Babe of Bethlehem," and was the token to the wise men that they had reached the spot whither the star had bidden them; for searching along the narrow ways of the village toward the fall of night, these rulers of tribes and expounders of doctrine wondered greatly what should be disclosed to them. There was no excitement among the people to denote a strange event; there were no welcome sounds of music, dancing, or the feast; all was silent and gloomy when, at a word from King Malcher, the caravan stood still. "It is the place," he cried, "for look! Here is a flower, rayed like the star that has guided us, and which is now even hanging above our heads." As Malcher bent and picked it, the stable door opened of itself, and the pilgrims entered in. Malcher placed the chrysanthemum in the hand extended to receive it—the hand of a little new-born babe—and all went to their knees before the shining presence bearing as a sceptre the winter flower, white likeness of the guide star.

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INSTALMENT I.

The Commission, of which Mr. M. J. Breen was Chairman, and of which Mr. J. J. Patterson, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. W. N. T. Tam were members reported as follows, on the results of their extensive inquiries, to the Government of Hong Kong.

1.—The Public Works Department is the largest of the Government Departments, including as it does thirteen sub-departments, some of which are larger than an ordinary department. It is the department with which the public in one way or another most frequently comes in contact. Also it is the one which spends more money than any other. For these reasons it is not unnatural that it should be the target for a good deal of criticism, both justifiable and unjustifiable.

2.—The department consists of a Director of Public Works, the Assistant Directors of Public Works, one for Hong Kong and one for Kowloon and New Territories, and thirteen sub-departments — Architectural, Drainage, Electrical, General Works, Port Development, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Office, Roads, Piers and Bridges, Waterworks (Maintenance), Waterworks (Construction), Crown Lands, Surveys, Valuations and Resumptions, and Accounts and Stores. In charge of each sub-department is an executive engineer, except for Waterworks (Construction), where there is an Assistant Director of Public Works, and except also for Crown Lands, Surveys, and Accounts and Stores, for each of which there is a Superintendent, and valuations and Resumptions which consists (European staff) of one engineer and one overseer only.

Unwieldy.

3.—The first thing that struck the Commissioners was the unwieldiness of this conglomeration of departments all grouped under the one head. In no other Colony of any size are Waterworks, Crown Lands, or Surveys for instance, under the Director of Public Works. In many Electricity is a department by itself. The natural result of putting so much under one head of department is that he cannot possibly be expected to cope with the work; re-organisation is as important as, and is the first step towards, retrenchment.

Witnesses Reproved.

4.—In the course of their investigations the Commissioners observed a tendency on the part of many of the witnesses from the Public Works Department to refrain from responding to the evident necessities of the situation in regard to retrenchment: some being merely reticent and others frankly obstructive. After making every allowance for the circumstances the Commissioners feel that a considerable amount of time might have been saved had the witnesses in question been less secretive. In certain instances suggestions put forward by the Commissioners, which would obviously have met the difficulties referred to by the witnesses, were received with extreme indifference.

Waterworks.

5.—As a commencement, the Commissioners recommend the severance from the Public Works Department of the two Waterworks offices, Maintenance and Construction. One of the reasons why the water question has been so mismanaged in the past is because the head of the Water Department has been only one (albeit an important one) of twelve other sub-department heads competing for the time and attention of the Director of Public Works, with the result that his views have failed to filter through to the Chief Executive.

6.—The Commissioners realise that their proposal to set up a new department may appear to be the reverse of retrenchment, but the money spent in order to bring water to the Colony and to store it during the drought of 1929 sufficiently demonstrates the result of neglecting this all important question. They feel strongly that a settled programme should be prepared and definitely adhered to, so that there shall be no recurrence of the imminent calamities of that year.

The new Waterworks Department should be given full charge of the Waterworks offices, Maintenance and Construction, and should be responsible for the

sent moment. They appreciate the value and desirability of price-cetting water; but here again increased expenditure would be the immediate result, for to do this properly would entail the engagement of extra staff. The suggestion is however being carefully examined. To charge the consumer the full production cost of the water he consumes is a matter of policy, in which connection its effect on the poorer sections of the community should not be lost sight of.

The Government feels constrained to express its disagreement with the views expressed in the latter part of paragraph 5. The Government is unaware of any occasion on which the views of the Water Department on any matters of importance have failed to "filter through" to the Chief Executive. Where the Government has declined to accept the views of the Water Department there have been reasons which at the time appeared adequate, and the position of the head of the Water Department would certainly have been no stronger had his department been separated from the Public Works Department.

Alteration of Financial Year.

10.—Before dealing with the remaining sub-departments in detail there are certain general recommendations which concern them all. The first in fact will affect all Government departments. This is that the financial year be altered from 1st January—31st December to 1st April—31st March. For accounting and ordinary administration purposes the dates are immaterial, but from the engineering standpoint they are most important. The Winter months October to March are the dry months and hence the best building months. Whether it is building a new house or re-decorating an old one, building a road or cutting down a hill, the work can best be done when a continuous spell of fine weather can be relied on. In tendering, the contractor takes into his calculation the number of wet days there are likely to be, when with responsibility, which is stressed so strongly elsewhere in the Report.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 12.—The Chairman of the Tender Board, to whom this paragraph has been referred, considers that no advantage would be gained or economy resulted by adopting the first and third suggestions. Government concurs. The second is already the inviolable practice. The third suggestion is in direct conflict with the policy of entrusting Heads of departments and sub-departments with responsibility, which is stressed so strongly elsewhere in the Report.

13.—It was said in paragraph 11 that where there is an intermittent demand the "tender" system is more advantageous. This applies equally to personnel. If there is a programme of constructional work extending over a considerable period of years, as in the case of waterworks, it is probably cheaper to employ a permanent staff. But where there is no such programme, it is very much cheaper to have a small staff sufficient for maintenance work and minor constructional works, e.g., markets, latrines, etc., and when any big work is undertaken, such as a hospital, to let the work out to private enterprise. Otherwise it will be found that as soon as the large work is completed the department will be saddled with the cost of a large staff in excess of normal requirements. That to a certain extent is the position in the Public Works Department to-day. It must also be remembered that once an officer has come into the permanent establishment it is exceedingly difficult to get rid of him and that even then a continuing liability for pension remains. An alternative method of dealing with large constructional work is for Government to do the work itself but to engage for it special staff. This has been done by Singapore Municipal Council with singular success, for which a light rate of salary, for which a usual would be £100 per month, is paid.

Direct Labour.
11.—Another general recommendation is that the system of direct labour and the execution of small work by the various departments of the Public Works Department should be extended. Direct labour is used in the Roads, Maintenance of Waterworks and the Electrical Department. This is a good arrangement, but it is not the case in the Government buildings at the Government stores. This system should be extended. When all work the unit would return to the Government, and there would be a demand for services. The object here is that this

standard article such as a door or a chair, or where there is a continuous stream of minor repairs, whether it be to a grating or to a motor car, it is cheaper to employ direct labour. It is only when there is an intermittent demand that the advantage lies with the "tender" system. A word of warning must, however, be added. Strict control should be exercised to ensure that under the guise of "direct casual labour", there is not included personnel which should appear in and be paid from Personal Emoluments.

Another irregular proceeding of a somewhat similar nature is the inclusion in the Estimates under Loan Works of permanent staff engaged on loan works. Such staff should be shown under the Personal Emoluments sub-head of the department to which they belong.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 11.—Government is satisfied that the further extension of the system of departmental execution of small works would be uneconomic, entailing as it would capital outlay for workshops, etc. The Government considers that the present system is more economical than that suggested by the Commissioners.

Tenders.

12.—On the subject of tenders and contracts the Commissioners have three recommendations to make. The first is that the list of contractors should be kept by the Chairman of the Tender Board, under whose control and custody should also be the tender box (at present it is with the Chief Clerk at the Secretariat); the box to be opened only in his presence and that of one other member of the Board. Secondly, that tenders for large contracts should be called for in three successive issues of the Government Gazette. This will ensure that all who wish to tender will have the opportunity of so doing. Thirdly, that where a penalty is incurred by a contractor the master should be reported to the Board, which after consideration of the circumstances would make recommendations to the Government.

15.—On the constructional side of the sub-department there are six engineers (excluding the Executive Engineer), and four overseers. Bearing in mind what has been said above on the employment of staff for major new works, and the fact that there will be very little new work of any sort undertaken in the course of the next few years, this staff is too large. It should be reduced by three engineers and two overseers. If, however, the new Government Civil Hospital and Gaol are proceeded with, it may be found cheaper to have these extraordinary works completed by the Architectural office, which has already done much of the preparatory work instead of letting them out to private architects. In that case an immediate reduction of one engineer only should be made; the remainder of the reductions being effected on the completion of the buildings.

16.—The recommendations made above envisage that the Architectural Office shall take over the construction of smaller buildings at present done by the General Works office. It is proposed that that anomalous sub-department shall be abolished and its work split up amongst the sub-departments to which it properly belongs.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 14.—Government is satisfied that the present system whereby the care of furniture is attended to by the stores branch is the most satisfactory. There is only one engineer engaged on maintenance work. The normal requirements of the office are four engineers in addition to the Executive Engineer. This is the position to-day, for three engineers are engaged on loan works.

On the termination of those works, they will either be absorbed into vacancies in the Public Works Department that may then exist, or their services will be dispensed with. It is anticipated however, that the construction of a new Gaol, Government Civil Hospital, Mental Hospital, Infectious Diseases Hospital and other large works will keep them fully occupied for the next few years.

Public Health and Buildings.

17.—An sub-department that is closely akin to the Architectural is the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Office; for whereas the Architectural Office is concerned with the erection of Government buildings, the Buildings Ordinance Office is concerned with private buildings. No building can be erected or altered in the Colony without the plan in respect thereof having been submitted by the Buildings Ordinance Office. Clearly this is a department which occupies a most responsible position. The Buildings Ordinance Office also has charge in the case of structures which are in a dangerous condition. Witnesses, including members of the Government staff, who have been consulted regarding this department, agree that the conditions of the buildings are deplorable.

18.—The Commissioners have been informed that the Building Ordinance Office has been unable to give a definite answer regarding the number of persons whose

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As once again and finally I try to thank you for all your goodness to us there comes to my mind a little speech your Excellency made in proposing my health at the Oxford and Cambridge dinner the other night. You said I had a human heart. Real hard experience of life makes most people human. When you were speaking, Sir, I thought of how it was said of a bishop friend of mine "a kind heart beats underneath those gaits," and of some words of Dr. Creighton, (some time Bishop of London, and previously a Canon of Worcester), as containing the ideal I would wish to keep before my life: "I do not know what your notion of a bishop's life may be." Dr. Creighton wrote, "but mine is only to be what I have done and been before, to go about and try and help others. The only ideal I have ever had of life is that." For all your friendliness and kindness I thank you and may God bless you all."

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Hermes—West wall.
Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Orpheus—East wall.
Searow—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantul—In dock.
Veteran—North arm.
Whitshed—In dock.
Whitshed—North arm.
Wren—North wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French river gunboat.

Helena—American gunboat.

Marne—French dispatch vessel.

On Pak—Chinese gunboat.

Pecos—American fuel ship.

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INWARD MAIRS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Japan and Shanghai Taiyo Maru.

Shanghai and Swatow Shantung.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10.

Shanghai, Amoy and Europe via Siberia (London, March 19) Tjibadak.

MONDAY, APRIL 11.

Shanghai and Swatow Kwongtung.

Manila President Hoover.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

Japan and Shanghai General Metzinger.

Australia and Manha Changte.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.

Shanghai Gange.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14.

Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, BC, March 26) Empress of Russia.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 18) President Hayes.

OUTWARD MAIRS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong King Yuan 8.30 p.m.

Manila President Cleveland 4.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10.

Bangkok via Swatow Kiangsu 9 a.m.

Sandakan Hin Sang 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11.

Saigon Tjipanas 8.30 a.m.

Swatow Hydrangea 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.

Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya Tjibadak 9.30 a.m.

Saigon and Europe via Marseilles General Metzinger.

(Due Marseilles, May 14.)

K.P.O.

Registration Apr. 12, 10 a.m. Registration Apr. 12, 1.15 p.m.

Letters 1 p.m. Letters 2 p.m.

Iloilo Glauco 10.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard, Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Tonkin 1.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.

Swatow Chak Sang 8.30 a.m.

Strait & Europe via Marseilles Patroclus.

(Due Marseilles, May 12.)

G.P.O.

Registration Apr. 13, 9 a.m. Registration Apr. 13, 8.45 a.m.

Letters 10 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

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CLEARANCES.

Thursday, April 7.

Alipore, for Kobe.

Alster, for Singapore.

Deli Maru, for Swatow.

Fusijama, for Kobe.

Glenluce, for Singapore.

Honolulu Maru, for Moji.

Hydrangea, for Swatow.

Linan, for Da Nang.

Ranpur, for Shanghai.

Kentucky, for Manila.

Shun Chih, for Saigon.

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*BANGALORE	6,500	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdan, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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*BHUTAN	6,000	9th July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdan, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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Port	Tons	1932	From Hong Kong About	Destination
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SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd Apr.		Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	30th Apr.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	10,000	5th May		Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NALDERA	7,000	6th May		S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
BHUTAN	16,000	19th May		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAISAR-I-HIND	6,000	29th May		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MANTUA	12,000	2nd June		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	7,000	6th June		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
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Orders of Ensuing Week.

The following orders are issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commanding the Corps:

PARADES.

Corps Band. There will be no further Band Practices until further notice.

Battery.

There will be a parade on Thursday, April 14, at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters for Lewis Gun and Signal Instruction.

Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, for Signal Instruction.

Armoured Car Company.

Car Section.—There will be a meeting of N.C.O.'s at Headquarters on Monday, April 11, at 5.30 p.m. There will not be a parade on Friday, April 15.

Motor Cycle Section.—Musketry. All N.C.O.'s and men will be required to fire Part II. Musketry to-morrow. Parade at Headquarters at 8.30 a.m. Dress—Mufti or uniform optional but rifles, belts, side-arms and bandoliers must be worn.

The Section will parade at Headquarters on Monday, April 11, at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction.

Vickers Gun Course.—The following men are reminded that they have not yet fired their Annual Vickers Gun Course and will be required to do so at Stonecutter Range on Sunday, April 24:—

Pt. W. A. Simpson, Pte. C. L. Aris, Pte. W. E. Peers, Pte. G. H. Russell, Pte. D. F. Kilby, Pte. R. A. Bates, and Pte. W. Stoker.

Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

It should be noted that it is essential that this course is fired to obtain efficiency.

Machine Gun Company.

There will be no further parades until Tuesday, May 3, when N.C.O.'s and Recruits Classes will be started, of which further notice will be given in due course.

There will be a meeting of all Officers and Sergeants of the Company in the Lecture Room on Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. to discuss organisation and training for the forthcoming season. Platoon Commanders are asked to bring their nominal roll books.

Portuguese Company.

All ranks are reminded of L.G. Classification to be held at Stonecutter Range to-morrow. Details to be issued later.

Range Officer: 2nd Lieut. H. J. Silva.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.40 a.m.

It should be noted that these Tests are to form part of the requirements for efficiency in future.

Attention is once more drawn to the numbers of casualties yet to fire their Musketry Course.

Full particulars can be obtained from Platoon Commanders.

Efficiency.—All N.C.O.'s and men who have not fired Part II. Musketry are notified that their last opportunity will be on Sunday, April 24. Full particulars will be issued later.

The Company's Annual Shoot on Sunday, May 1. Full particulars of the Competitions, etc., will be circulated to each member of the Company and it is hoped that the fullest use of this opportunity will be made by all ranks.

A.A.L.A. Company.

The A.P.C. Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at North Point on Thursday, April 14.

The Portuguese Section will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Friday, April 15.

NOTICE.

R.A. Athletic Meeting, 1932. The athletic meeting of Royal Artillery will be held on Saturday, April 16, on the Royal Naval Officers' Recreation ground, Kowloon.

There will be an open mile relay race (2-220, 1-440 and 1-880). Teams of four, open to Royal Navy, Garrison Units (British and Indian), R.A.F., H.K.V.D.C. and Hong Kong Police.

The race is timed to start at 5.45 p.m.

Entries by April 12 to the Adjutant, R.A., China Command.

The H.K. Area Athletic Meeting. The following letter has been received from the Secretary, Hong Kong Area Athletics Committee:—

March 30, 1932.

Adjutant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Force.

The Hong Kong Area Athletic Meeting is being held at Soo-koo-poo on April 21 and 22.

The Committee propose to hold an Open Medley Relay Race (i.e. ½ mile, ¼ mile and two 220 yards) if three visiting teams compete.

I shall be glad to receive an entry from your Corps for this event.

The race will be at 5 p.m. on the 22nd.

(Sgd.) G. K. BOURNE, Lieut., Secretary, Hong Kong Area Athletics Committee.

Sergeants' Mess.

Copies of "Mess Rules" are available and can be obtained from the Mess "Boy."

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 180° deg. E.; 00h is midnight, 12hrs. 12m. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

April 9 to 15, 1932.

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Mountain Lodge	1725
The Erie	1723
Peak Hotel	1305
Tai Foo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
	Mainland. Feet.
Tsimshian	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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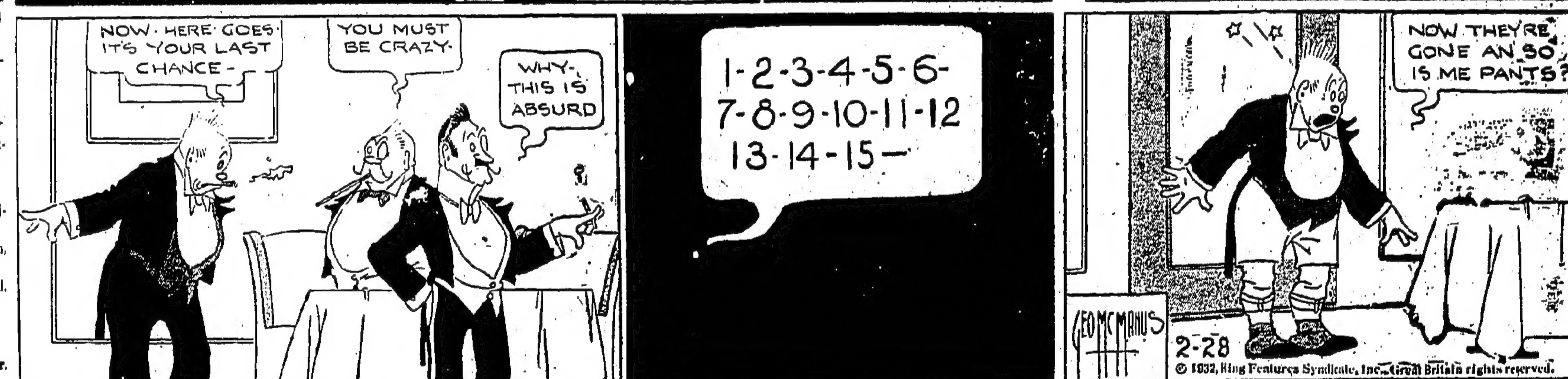
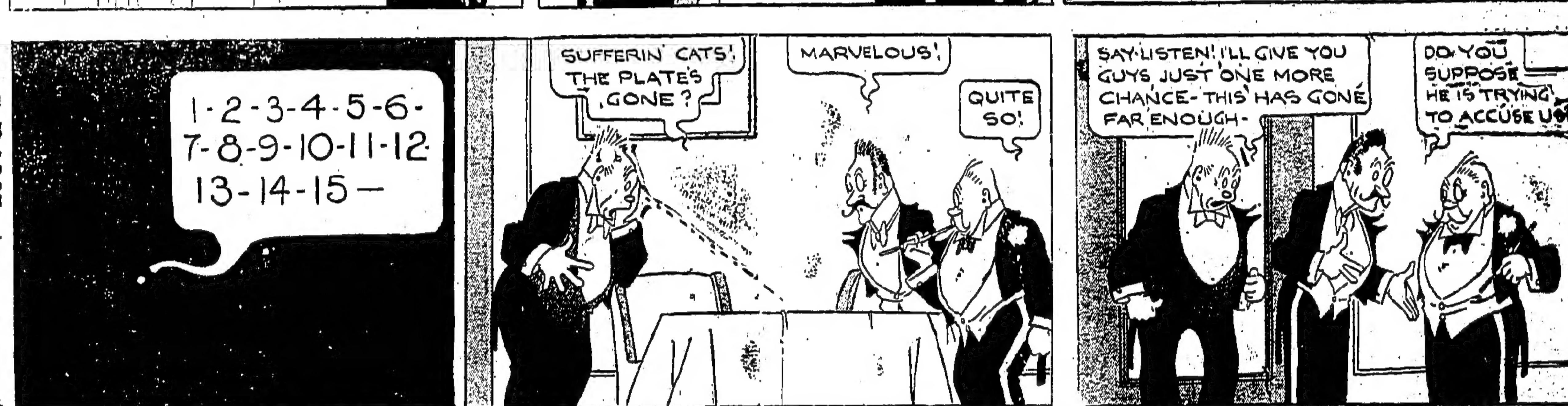
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C. C. CLARKE, Manager, Hong Kong, March 31, 1932.



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4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11.30 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

7.03-7.28 p.m.—Operatic.
The Magic Flute—Overture (Mozart).

Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Symphony Orchestra (L1001R). Mefistofele—Il Bel Cavaliere (Boito).

La Traviata—Chorus of Gipsies (Verdi). La Scala Chorus of Milan (4802).

Aida—Ritrata Vinctor (Verdi).

Eva Turner, Soprano (L2150).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.28-8.15 p.m.—Variety.

Descriptive Sketch—Clapham & Dwyer on Photography.

Laughter Record—A Warm Corner.

Leslie Henson, Heather Thatcher, Austin Milford,

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Song—To-day I Feel So Happy.

Just Because I Lost my Heart to You.

Rene Muller (Soprano).

Vocal Duo—

Eleven More Months and Ten More Days Colt Brothers.

Song—

She Was Poor, But She Was Honest, Don't Send my Boy to Prison.

Billy Bennett & Chorus.

Piano Solo—

Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries, Close Your Eyes.

Leslie Hutchinson.

Song—

I'd Like to Have a Honey moon with Her.

They Have a Much Better Time, When They're Naughty.

Ronald Frankau.

8.15-8.50 p.m.—A Concert.

Octet—

Romance (Rubinstein arr. Scarlatti).

J. H. Squire Celesto Octet (5218).

Song—

Ship That Passes in the Night (Longfellow & Stevenson).

Valse (d'Arcy & Russell).

Mme. Clara Serena, Contralto (8316).

Piano Solo—

Shepherd's Hey (Grainger).

Country Gardens (Grainger), Percy Grainger (D1064).

Song—

King Charles (Browning & White).

Drake Goes West (O'Reilly & Sanderson).

Rox Palmer, Baritone (4487).

Instrumental Trio—

A Bright Morning on the Alps (Holst).

Triplet in C—Adagio (Beethoven).

Anonymous (236R).

8.50-9.30 p.m.—Orchestra.

Minuet (Boccherini).

Lea Millions D'Ariquelin (Drigo).

B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9992).

Four Ways Suite (Eric Coates).

Regal Cinema Orchestra con-

ducted by Emanuel Starkey (9169-7).

Anacreon—Overture (Gherubini).

Willem Mengelberg and His

Concertgebouw Orchestra (L1972).

9.30-11.30 p.m.—Dance Pro-

gramme.

Fox Trot—

The Haunted House.

Speedwell Bill.

You Are My Heart's Delight.

One Step—

Changing of the Guard.

Fox Trot—

Momma Lisa.

You're Blase.

It Always Starts to Rain.

That's Why Darkies Were Born.

This Is Just the Missus.

Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries.

Time Alone Will Tell.

Waltz—

I Believe in You.

Fox Trot—

Many Happy Returns of the Day.

On the Beach with You.

Gully.

Nobody's Sweetheart.

If I Didn't Have You.

Oh! Moanah.

Speak to Me of Love.

Tango—

An Old Spanish Tango.

One Step—

Tom Thumb's Drum.

Fox Trot—

Oh! What a Night!

Good-Night Sweetheart.

I Lost my Girl from Memphis.

Hi, the Girl.

Waltz—

When It's Night Time in Nevada.

Fox Trot—

Joey the Clown.

Close Your Eyes.

Bitter Sweet—Selection.

Waltz—

Bitter Sweet—Selection.

Fox Trot—

Sweet and Lovely.

There's a Time and Place for Every Thing.

You Can't Stop me from Loving You.

Just One More Chance.

Quick Step—

To-night or Never.

Fox Trot—

It's Great to be in Love.

You Forgot Your Gloves.

Waltz—

Kiss Me Good-Night.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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PRINCESS CRYSTAL AND THE HERB WITCH.

The Princess Crystal went for a walk in the woods and there she saw an old woman gathering herbs. Now Crystal had been told never to talk to old women because they might be witches, but she thought this one had a nice face so she asked her what she was doing.

"Gathering herbs, my pretty," replied the old woman, "But I have found a flower that is strange to me. I don't know its name."

It was a pink flower with fluffy petals, and Crystal did not know it either. But she was quite excited about it.

"Has it a sweet perfume?" she asked.

"Take it, my pretty," replied the old woman. "It's no good for herb tea."

Then Crystal put her nose into the middle of the flower, and immediately afterwards she sneezed violently.

"Got you, my pretty," laughed the old woman. "I've had my eye on you for some time."

Crystal was horrified! When she sneezed she was in the power of the witches. The old herb witch led the way to a cave in the mountain, and made the princess become her servant. Poor Crystal had to polish kettles, gather sticks for the fire, and do all the other housework.

After many months, a young prince who had been seeking her saw her carrying water up the mountain side, but there was an invisible ring round her, so he could not get near her.

"How did you get into their power?" called the prince.

"I sneezed; then I felt it fall upon me," wept the princess.

"I know the charm for that," replied the prince. "I will throw you some pepper, and you must catch it and smell it."

Fortunately the princess caught the pepper, and when she put her nose to it she sneezed violently.

"Bless you!" cried the prince. Then the charm was broken, and Crystal was free.

Even now people say "Bless you" when they hear a person sneeze, because, in olden days, you were supposed to fall into the power of witches if nobody blessed you when you sneezed.

Leave to dry in a warm place. Treat all the sections in the same way.

Iced oranges can be coloured pink in the following manner: Pour a few drops of cochineal into the granulated sugar, stir till all is evenly coloured deep red, spread out on a dish, and dry before a fire. When quite dry, cover the sections as indicated.

Mixed with the white iced oranges, these bright pink ones look very pretty.



Empedocles stood still and looked at Doris.

sick — let me catch a little magic from your regard!"

Then Empedocles stood still and looked at the little girl. When he saw her vivid, intelligent little face, he determined to make her his pupil and teach her all the wonderful things he knew.

"Come," he commanded. "I will teach you to read the earth and the sky, and to drive away disease."

And Doris walked down the steps and followed him.

ICED ORANGES.

These are delicious, and they look very pretty on the table in little coloured paper cases.

Peel an orange carefully, divide it into sections without breaking the inside skin, and take away all the white pith.

Beat up the white of an egg till it is quite stiff. Place an orange section on a fork — do not prick the fork through the orange — dip it into the white of egg, then put it into a basin containing white granulated sugar, and shake the sugar over it. When well coated with sugar, put the orange on a sieve and

leave to dry in a warm place. Treat all the sections in the same way.

Ice the oranges can be coloured pink in the following manner: Pour a few drops of cochineal into the granulated sugar, stir till all is evenly coloured deep red, spread out on a dish, and dry before a fire. When quite dry, cover the sections as indicated.

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WENDY'S LITTLE NEEDLEWOMEN.

A Scarf-Like Tink's.

Tink has made herself a very pretty new scarf, and it pleases her so much that she has asked me to tell you how to make one like it.

Ordinary house-flannel, which you can buy for a shilling a yard, is a good material to use; it is soft and warm, and gaily checked with red, blue, or black. One yard will be enough, as you can cut the piece in halves and join the two halves together to make the scarf long enough. Use herring-boning for the join, and press the seam well to make it as invisible as possible.

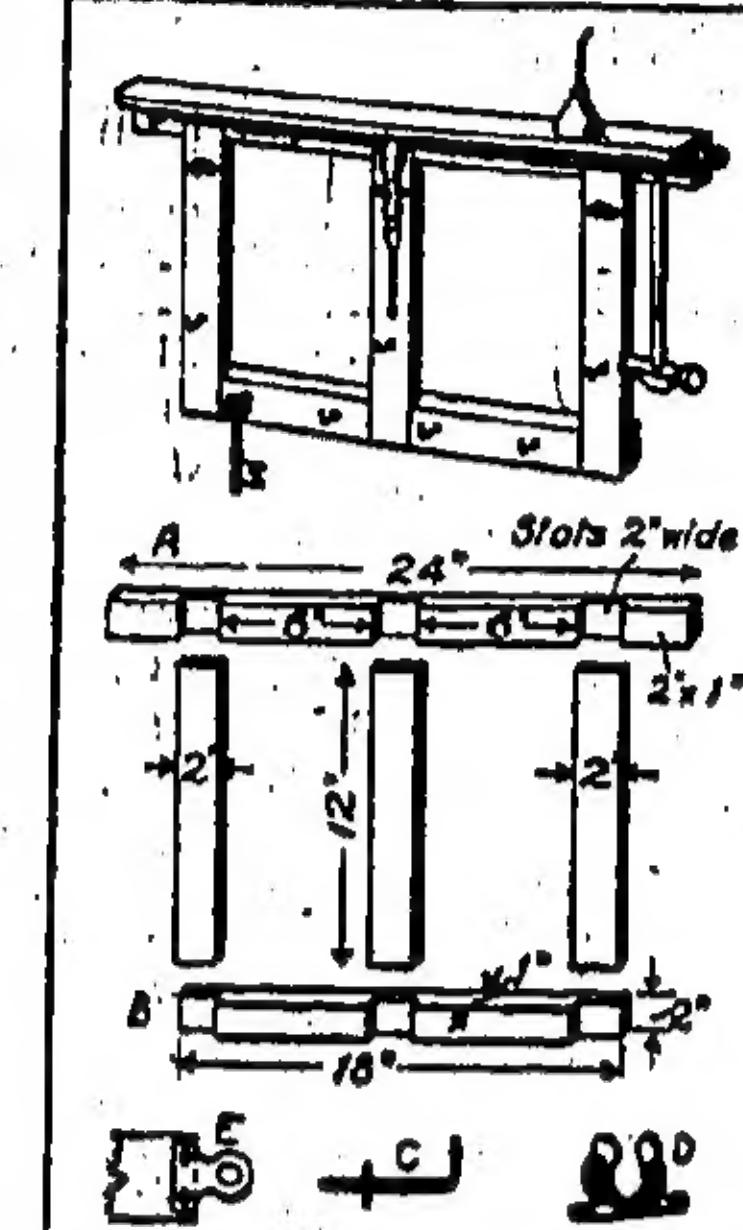
As you'll see by the sketch, Tink's scarf is very prettily trimmed with embroidered posies in alternate checks on the

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

A Tool Rack And Shelf.

This simple rack, which can be fixed to the kitchen wall, is intended to hold the ordinary tools which are in constant demand for household purposes. Keys also can be hung from the rack, and the shelf at the top will take the oilcan and other small articles in everyday use.

For the top and bottom of the rack, use wood battens two inches wide and one inch thick. A piece two feet long will be required for the top, which should be planed on all sides and then marked out for the three slots, as



Carpenter tells you to-day how to make this useful tool-rack for the kitchen.

shown in diagram A. Cut a piece eighteen inches long for the bottom part, B, and clamp this to the top part, right in the centre. Now, with tenon saw and chisel, cut out the three slots in both pieces at the same time, making them half an inch deep.

Cut the three uprights of the rack, which are twelve inches long, from two-inch by half-inch wood, and plane them to size. The ends of these parts should fit nicely in the slots, and must be fixed to the top and bottom by screws driven in through the back. The shelf is two feet long and three inches wide, and is simply fixed to the top rail with four screws.

Give the rack a coat of varnish stain, and allow it to dry before fitting the hooks and tool clips. The best kind of hook to use is shown at C, and about one dozen of these should be sufficient. For holding such tools as screw-drivers and Bradawls, spring-clips like that shown at D will be found very convenient. Suitable place for the clips are indicated in the top diagram.

Use mirror plates, E, for fixing the rack to the wall, screwing one to each end of the top.

The Hut Carpenter.

WILLY-WALTER WOODEN-HORSE.

I've got the MOST exciting horse.

I love him lots and lots! His name is Willy-Walter, and he's white, with huge red spots!

His tail is also blue; And when I'm feeling sad or cross —

Why, this is what I do!

I jump on Willy-Walter's back, And "Gee-Ups Horse!" I cry;

Then, quicker than it takes to tell,

Around the World we fly.

It's One-Two-Three, and OFF we go,

TINK'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

The name of the creature drawn beside last week's puzzle was "Armadillo" — and this name you probably found in solving the puzzle, full solution of which is:

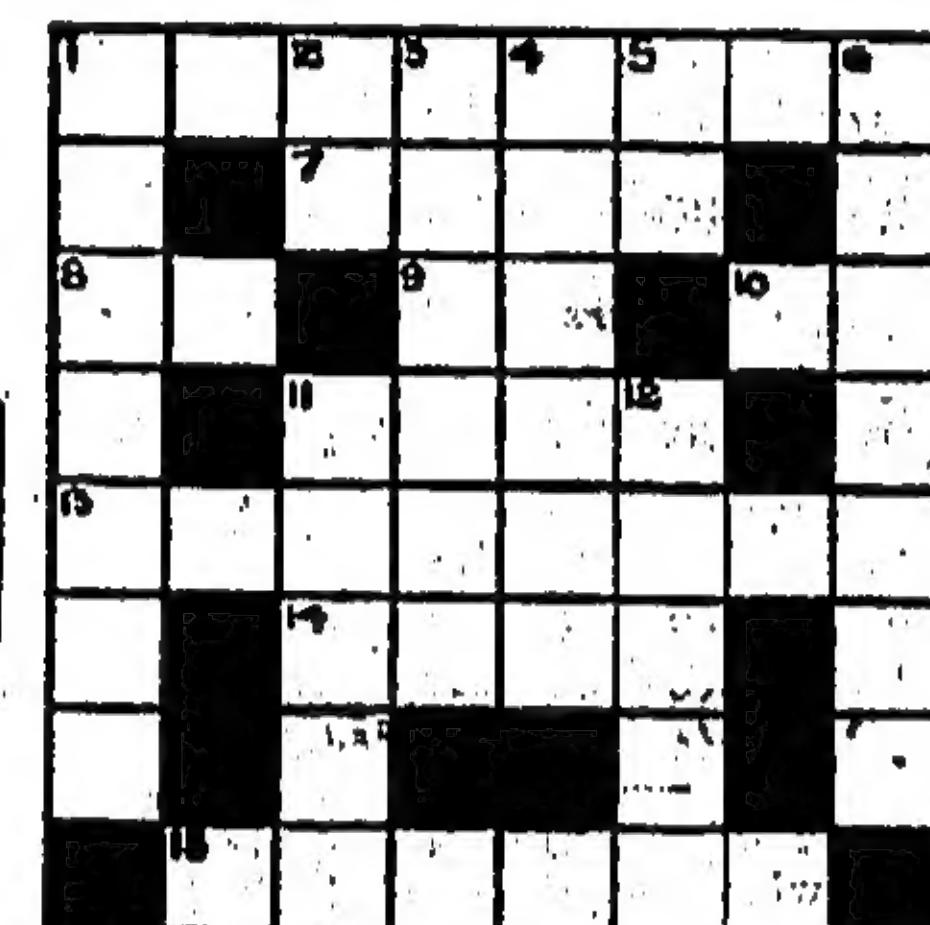
Across.

1. Mimic (Mock).
5. Out-building (Barn).
8. Part of verb "to be" (Are).
9. Monkey (Ape).
10. Name for a fox (Reynard).
13. Hidden name (Armadillo).
19. Behold (Lo).
20. Put on (Don).
22. Old (Aged).
24. Departed (Gone).
26. Nobleman (Duke).
27. Poems (Odes).
28. One who sees (Seer).
29. Portable shelter (Tent).

Down.

2. Boatmen use it (Oar).
3. Best part of milk (Cream).
4. Use with a lock (Key).
5. Cry of a sheep (Baa).
6. A month (April).
7. A colour (Red).
11. Dishes of raw vegetables (Salads).
12. Truthful (Honest).
14. Scamp (Rogue).
15. Viper (Adder).
16. Perform (Do).
17. A bar of gold (Ingot).
18. Material (Linen).
23. End of a Peke (Eke).
27. One of 27 across (Ode).

Here's a nice, easy one. Of what English word does the arrangement of letters beside the puzzle remind you? The word is hidden, as usual, and the clues are:



E
R
What English word does this suggest to you?

Clues:-

Across.

1. Came to pass.
7. A melody.
8. Roman numeral for 6.
9. Short for "right."
10. Roman numeral for 4.
11. A continent.
13. Hidden word.
14. Vegetable.
15. Regard with respect.

Down.

1. Flattered over (as a bird).
2. Short for "pint."
3. Follow.
4. Whole.
5. Compass point.
6. Broke into parts.
11. Book of maps.
12. Joint of foot and leg.

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Retrenchment Commission's Recommendations

(Continued from Page 7.)

names appear on the Hong Kong list of Authorised Architects have no qualifications and are architects only in name. The Commissioners recommend that no person should be permitted to practise as an architect in the Colony unless he has obtained the degree of A.R.I.B.A., examinations for which are held in Hong Kong,—or, a foreign diploma of equal standing. A clause to this effect should be inserted in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. The second point stressed by witnesses was the incomprehensible state into which the Buildings Ordinance had got as a result of amendment and re-amendment, with the additional difficulty that departments such as the Medical and Fire Brigades would, under cover of vague phraseology in the Ordinance, stipulate for fulfilment of somewhat fantastic requirements before they would consent to a plan being passed. The remedy for both these evils is the same. The complete redrafting of the Buildings Ordinance. A special Committee, on which should be representatives of leading local firms of architects, should be appointed for the work. There might well be incorporated in the revised ordinance provisions for payment of a fee for passing a plan, and of penalty fees in the case of incorrectly drawn up plans. Power should also be given to the Governor in Council to censure an architect who erects a faultily constructed building, and to suspend or remove his name from the list of Authorised Architects in the event of his repeating the offence. The requirements of the Medical and Fire authorities should be clearly set forth, so that there would be no ambiguity. Thereafter the Director of Public Works, as Building Authority, would decide whether those requirements had been complied with or not.

18.—The same or a similar Committee might also go into the question of contracting and subcontracting. As many witnesses have said, it is the sub-contracting system as it exists in Hong Kong, that is responsible for so much shoddy building. The law should, if possible, be tightened up considerably in this respect, and modern methods enforced to the exclusion of the obsolete and dangerous ones now prevailing.

19.—For the present the Commissioners do not consider that the large staff of six engineers and ten overseers in the Buildings Ordinance Office can be cut down. When there is a new ordinance the staff can be reduced. It is essential that the revision should not be delayed.

Government's Comment.

Paragraphs 17-18.—Considerable progress had been made in the revision and redrafting of the Ordinance before the Retrenchment Commission's Report was received. The suggestion of the Commission are being considered in connection with the new Ordinance, and the technical members of the Authorised Architects Committee will be consulted on proposed amendments in the Ordinance. It is not considered desirable to confine the list of authorised architects to persons who hold the certificate of A.R.I.B.A. No such provision exists in England. In view of the importance of safeguarding the public against dangers to life and health the Government must demur to the use of the word 'fantastic' with reference to the requirements of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and the Head of the Fire Brigade.

It is doubtful if Government rules and regulations could eradicate the system of subcontracting.

20.—The Architectural and Buildings Ordinance Offices should be considered as one office for the purpose of circulation of staff. The heads of both should be fully qualified architects. The title 'architect' might well be substituted for that of 'engineer' in the case of senior officers of these sub-departments. Such a nomenclature would be more in accordance with reality, or what should be reality.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 20.—The two offices are so considered. The title 'Architect' has been substituted for that of 'Engineer'.

General Works Office.

21.—It has already been stated that the existing General Works Office should be abolished, and its work split up amongst other sub-departments. With minor building

construction handed over to the Architectural Office there is left repair of all Hong Kong vehicles at the Wanchai workshop, and all Kowloon vehicles at the Hunghom workshop. The Manager, Railway, states that for the railway to undertake major repairs of all vehicles he would require an additional European mechanic, while, as the Commissioners realize, a workshop for minor repairs would still be necessary on the Hong Kong side. The transport of motor vehicles, especially such heavy vehicles as road rollers, from Hong Kong to Kowloon would be expensive and unsatisfactory. The advantages of the present system in the daily supervision and adjustment of Government vehicles seem to have been inadequately appreciated by the Commissioners. It is proposed to retrench the post of European Workshop Mechanic at the Wanchai shop, but it is considered necessary to retain the post of Mechanical Engineer. It may ultimately be found that the best solution will be to place the workshops, so far as motor vehicles are concerned, on both sides of the harbour under one officer. This possibility is still being investigated, and the whole question should be further considered when the Vehicular Ferry is in existence.

Electrical.

21.—None of the personnel of the existing General Works Office should be taken over by the new combined sub-department; it should be disposed of by termination of employment or absorption elsewhere into the Public Works Department as vacancies occur. Constructional work by the Public Works Department will for the next few years be negligible; on the other hand maintenance work will have to continue. The proposal amounts in effect to a reduction in the Roads and Drainage offices.

Government's Comment.

Paragraphs 21-22.—The General Work Office, will be abolished, through the arrangements for the transference of its work amongst the Architectural, Drainage and Roads Offices will take a short time to complete.

The question of reductions in the staff at present allotted to the Electrical Department, is the same as that of the Roads and Drainage offices.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 24.—Government does not consider the suggestion to put the Electrical Department under the Postmaster General to be sound. The department deals with many matters outside the sphere of the Postmaster General.

25.—They would, however, suggest for the consideration of Government the question of the disposal of the Government's telephone service to the Telephone Co. if satisfactory terms can be arranged. It might also be found cheaper to let out to contract the maintenance of Government lifts. At present this work is carried out by the Electrical department.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 25.—The question of letting out to contract the maintenance of Government lifts is being explored. It is not considered desirable to dispose of the Government's telephone system.

Port Development.

26.—Of the engineering departments proper there remains the Port Development. The Commissioners have already reported to Government their views on the future administration of the harbour, and also on the necessity for proceeding with a survey of the harbour without delay. If it is not found practicable to employ on this survey, the two qualified officers who are already in the Government service, it will be necessary to engage qualified men from outside the service. Their engagement should be strictly of a temporary nature.

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Government's Comment.

Paragraph 26.—One qualified officer formerly in Government service has already been appointed for this work on a temporary basis.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 23.—On the Island there are 77 Government motor vehicles, exclusive of motor cycles, and on the mainland 47. This matter has been gone into very carefully, and the solution which appears to Government to be the most

be carried out by specially engaged temporary staff, or the whole work, if of sufficient magnitude, entrusted to a firm of British contractors of world wide repute.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 27.—The method of carrying out large 'extraordinary' works has been dealt with under paragraph 13 above.

28.—Apart from the Vehicular Ferry Piers the department has in hand only constructional work; and this will be finished by the end of the year. All that will remain will be maintenance work. For this a staff of one engineer and two overseers is considered sufficient. The remaining posts of executive engineer, two engineers, and three overseers should be abolished. The engineer in charge of the reduced Port Development sub-department should be at the disposal of the newly constituted Harbour Board.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 28.—The continuance of the Port Development sub-department, and the staff required for it, will be considered on the conclusion of the Vehicular Ferry scheme. It should however be noted that the present executive staff of this sub-department consists, so far as maintenance and minor constructional works are concerned, of only one engineer and one Executive Engineer, and a considerable part of the time of the latter officer is devoted to the Vehicular Ferry scheme—a loan work.

Crown Lands and Surveys.

29.—The two sub-departments of Crown Lands and Surveys can conveniently be taken together. They are closely allied, and at one time formed a single unit. They should again be amalgamated under the headship of a properly qualified surveyor. The logical place for such a department is not in the Public Works Department but rather with the Land Office. The Land Officer was, however, reluctant to take the sub-department whilst all witnesses from the Public Works Department were equally reluctant to see it leave them. The Commissioners make no recommendation on this point.

30.—The most noteworthy feature about the personnel of these two sub-departments, and of the Survey Office in particular, is the growth in the number of Chinese surveyors, who are reported as being highly satisfactory. Their number has risen from 8 in 1926 to 35 in the present year. There has been no corresponding reduction, in fact no reduction at all, in the number of European surveyors. The result is that the office is greatly overstuffed. A reduction of 6 out of 9 European surveyors should be made forthwith. This will leave the combined sub-departments with a total senior European staff of seven officers; not an ungenerous allowance, and quite sufficient to supervise the Chinese survey staff, some of whom are still comparatively inexperienced. In a few years it should be possible further to reduce the European staff in this office.

Government's Comment.

Paragraphs 29-30.—The Crown Lands and Survey Offices have been re-amalgamated and reduction of three European posts—Superintendent of Crown Lands, Second Assistant Superintendent of Crown Lands, and one Surveyor effected. In view of the fact that Brigadier Winterbotham, who was specially sent out by the Colonial Office to inspect the survey offices of Crown Colonies, reported that the staff of the survey office of Hong Kong should be increased by one European surveyor, it is not considered that further reductions beyond those indicated above should be made.

31.—The Valuations and Resumptions Officer, half of whose work is for the Estate Duty Commissioner, should as soon as the resumption work in New Kowloon has been completed, a matter of five years or so, be absorbed into the Assessor's office. For the present it is essential that he should be in close and constant touch with the Public Works Department.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 31.—Government agrees with this recommendation which does not however call for any action at present.

32.—The Commissioners received complaints of delays by the Crown Lands Office in dealing with applications for land. This they found to be the fault not of the individual officers, but rather of the unwieldy system, whereby an application has to be referred to numerous other sub-departments, such as Drainage, Waterworks, etc., before a decision is arrived at. It would be far simpler if areas for development were mapped out in zones in advance. This would enable an application for a site, in the area to be specifically granted without the present multiplicity of references, whilst at the

same time publication in the Government Gazette from time to time of the zone areas would prevent applications for sites in areas not available. The 'zoning' should be in the hands of a standing Zoning Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director of Public Works, and with expert unofficial representatives serving on it.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 32.—There was a Town Planning Committee, doing work similar to that suggested for a Zoning Committee, which ceased to meet after May, 1923. Since that date land sales and development have been in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee. The Government regrets that it can envisage no advantage from a permanent zoning committee such as is suggested by the Commissioners. Further town planning schemes are now being prepared and when they are ready, they can be scrutinised by a specially appointed Committee. There is no need for a permanent committee; it is only when large new areas, not hitherto considered, are opened up for development that such a body is required.

33.—The combined Crown Lands and Surveys Office should take over more responsibility than it does at present. It should for instance deal with all quarries, quarry leases, sand permits, temporary leases and annual permits in connection with encroachments on Crown Land, without reference to a higher authority, except where a matter of policy is involved. Lease plans should also be signed by the Superintendent. Regarding sand permits the Commissioners would draw attention to the fact that the sand resources of the Colony are being rapidly depleted. The whole matter requires careful but immediate attention; meanwhile the permit fees should be considerably raised.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 33.—Action has been taken in accordance with the recommendations in this paragraph, except that it is considered desirable for the Director of Public Works to continue to sign lease plans.

34.—The Superintendent of Accounts and Stores should remain with duties substantially as at present, but the organisation of his sub-department should be examined by financial and stores experts, who, in consultation with the Director of Public Works and the Superintendent, would evolve the most suitable system of accounting and store keeping. In this connection the Commissioners would remark that on several occasions they called for exact figures. In practically every instance they were assured that the figures would readily be forthcoming; but in no case were they. Figures indeed were produced after an interminable delay—but they were of little or no use. The Commissioners believe indeed that the Water and Railway Departments are the only two departments which keep their accounts on a proper basis. The need for cost accounting is imperative. Such a system, which should also provide for the keeping of simple accounts by sub-departments, would cost no more in staff or labour than the present system, which is wholly unreliable and altogether fails to reveal the true position. The salaries etc. of the Clerical Staff would have to be arranged to the various departments before the costing figures could be arrived at.

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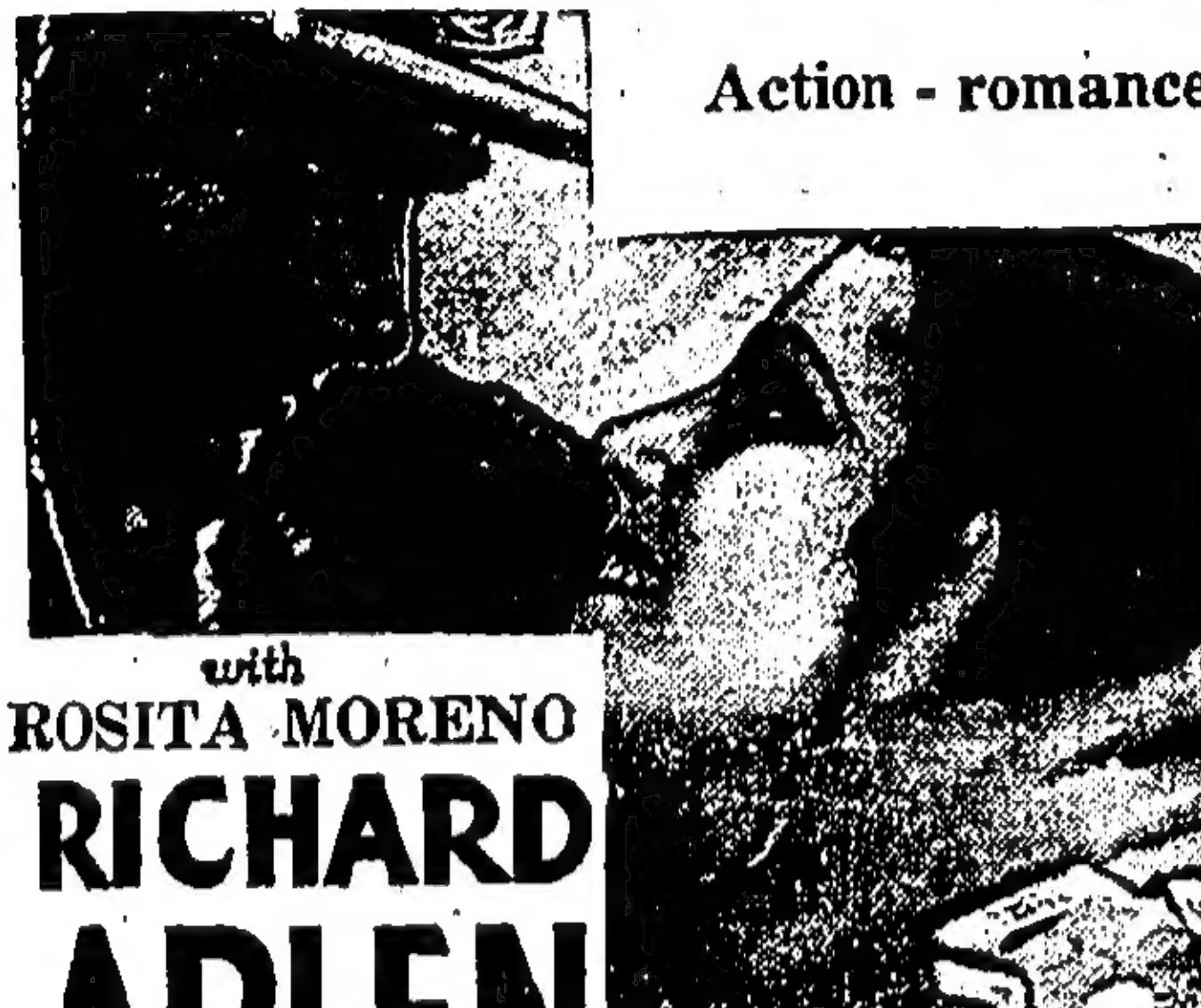
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His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel held an "At Home" at Government House yesterday afternoon in honour of the Rt. Rev. C. R. Dupuy, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, who had resigned his Bishopric and sails on the P. & O. a.s. Corfu to-day for Home, where he is to take up the Canony of Worcester Cathedral. Mrs. Dupuy was, unfortunately, prevented from attending, on account of illness. There was a large gathering.

The function took the form of a tea party which was followed by a presentation organised by the V.D.M.A. and which was responded to by all classes and nationalities in the Colony. The presentation was made with the warmest wishes for Dr. and Mrs. Dupuy's future happiness.

On the platform together with Sir William and Lady Peel were Bishop Dupuy, Bishop Valtorta, the Ven. Archdeacon Mok, of Carlton, the Very Rev. Dean A. Swann, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mrs. G. D. R. Black, the Rev. C. I. Blanchett, and the Rev. Walton Rogers.

Mr. Cassidy's Address.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. P. S. Cassidy said that it was nearly 12 years since the Bishop was consecrated to this Diocese. He would not be so presumptuous as to give Dr. Dupuy a "character." All those present had come in contact with the Bishop in one or more branches of Church life, and they had, therefore, all experienced his good fellowship, his broad-minded guidance and his enthusiastic leadership. They all united, the speaker said, in expressing their sympathy to the Bishop and Mrs. Dupuy in that they had been so handicapped by ill-health. He knew that the Bishop had felt his disability and how desperately he had tried to get the better of it until there was no alternative but to face the decision of resignation. They sympathised particularly with Mrs. Dupuy in being laid up at such a time as this. The Bishop and Mrs. Dupuy could rest assured that they were leaving with an abundance of good will, and the speaker knew that he could, on behalf of those present, wish them God-speed and bon voyage with a speedy return to good health.

The Dean's Appreciation.

The Dean spoke in respectful appreciation of the Bishop, referring to the arduous duties that fell to his lot, particularly in such a Diocese as Hong Kong. There were, he said, a multiplicity of demands upon the Bishop, physically, mentally and spiritually. In addition there was the language difficulty, but the Bishop had not spared himself in this work.

The Presentation.

Mr. Cassidy said that the first idea was to devote part of the fund to purchase a memento of the Bishop and Mrs. Dupuy's connection with Hong Kong but other considerations had cropped up, not the least being the menace of customs duty. It had, therefore, been decided to convert the donations into a sterling draft and leave it to the recipients to use it in whatever way they thought best. The draft was for £109 18s. 6d.

At Mr. Cassidy's request, Lady Peel handed an envelope to the Bishop, containing the draft and a list of well-wishers who had contributed to the fund.

Replying, Dr. Dupuy said:

The Bishop's Reply.

"Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency, Lady Peel and Friends.—My first word must be to say how exceedingly sorry my wife is not to be able to be here to-day. You will understand how keenly she will miss being here to see you all.

In a letter I have just received from hospital she writes, "I should love to have taken farewell of the friends who have helped to make my life so happy and enriched it in many ways."

A wise old Chinese poet wrote long ago, "When the time comes to go—go with as little fuss as possible." There are many things to remind me that the time has come for me to go—including a letter addressed to the "LATE Bishop of Victoria"; yet it is very hard for me to realise that twenty-four hours from now I shall have left this place which has been my home for nearly twelve years; and I am not really finding it at all simple to go; there has been so much to do before I leave. I only hope I am not going to have to tomorrow any similar experiences to one I had in London not very long ago. I had occasion to go and see a specialist. The interview over, the gentleman very courteously escorted me to the front door himself to see me off, but seemed rather to prolong the good-bye ceremony and to be loath to part with me.

As I turned it over in my mind on the top of a bus afterward I remembered I had forgotten to pay him his fee.

RETRENCHMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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specialists. It is bad policy to have an officer one day in the Survey Office, the next in the Drainage Office, and the day after in the Architectural Office. Promotion and acting appointments should, with the exception of junior engineers on their first tour of duty, take place within the sub-departments, and not according to seniority in the Public Works Department as a whole. Selected officers would have to be earmarked for command; but their number is so small as not to affect the general rule. The problems of the Public Works Department of Hong Kong are largely municipal. It would be well if its administration were in conformity with municipal practice.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 43.—The Crown Lands and Surveys, Architectural, Buildings Ordinance, and Electrical Offices are each specialist and closed sub-departments, so also to all intents and purposes are Waterworks and Port Development; this accounts for every sub-department except Drainage and Roads. Specialisation is thus an accomplished fact.

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(Instalment II on Monday.)

Twenty-five years ago when I left my curacy, my old vicar, who was one of the saggest and most loved men I have ever met, said to me, "Never take saying good-bye too seriously." Even if I did not fully understand what he meant at the time I have learnt since—and most of you have learnt it too—that there are some good-byes you simply daren't take too seriously—and this for me is one of them.

A Britisher never finds it easy to say thank you when he feels deeply. But there's a big thank you I must try and say to you all before I go.

Gift Appreciated.

To make a beginning, I thank you all, on behalf of my wife and myself, for this present and for all the kind thought that lies behind it. From my heart I thank you for your generosity and for all your friendship, forbearance and encouragement. We shall carry away with us many happy recollections of our time in Hong Kong and of the kindly spirit of comradeship which is so manifest here.

Then, Sir, I want to thank you and Lady Peel for inviting us all here to-day. The first lunch I ever had in Hong Kong was in Government House; since then I have experienced much kindness from successive governors and their wives, and now I shall always associate my last afternoon in Hong Kong with this Farewell Party at Government House. I had never seen anything of British Colonial administration before I came out here. I will only say that I take away with me an impression of an exacting service very honourably and efficiently discharged.

I want to say a word of thanks to the lay folk of the Diocese—Chinese and British—for all the help they have given. On the day the Simon Report on India was published I had as fellow traveller in a long railway journey a man who had occupied a leading position in public life in India. He remarked upon the difficulty of getting prominent business men in the part of India where he lived to serve on public bodies. I have no means of knowing whether he was taking a too gloomy view about this question in India, but I do know that here in Hong Kong I have been impressed again and again by the way people have given lavishly of their thought and time for public service.

Press Thanked.

And next I want to thank the Press of Hong Kong for the backing it has so generously and readily given. I have often thought that the value of the Press in a place like this is not only in forming and helping to mould public opinion in the more populous centres, but equally in keeping those in more isolated places in touch with the outside world. And this applies also to wireless. I remember once during a confirmation tour landing on a lonely island where I found one Britisher and his wife and child among a population entirely Chinese. I had confirmed the wife in St. John's Cathedral. They told me they often listened in to the service on Sunday evenings and joined in themselves and that it meant much to them.

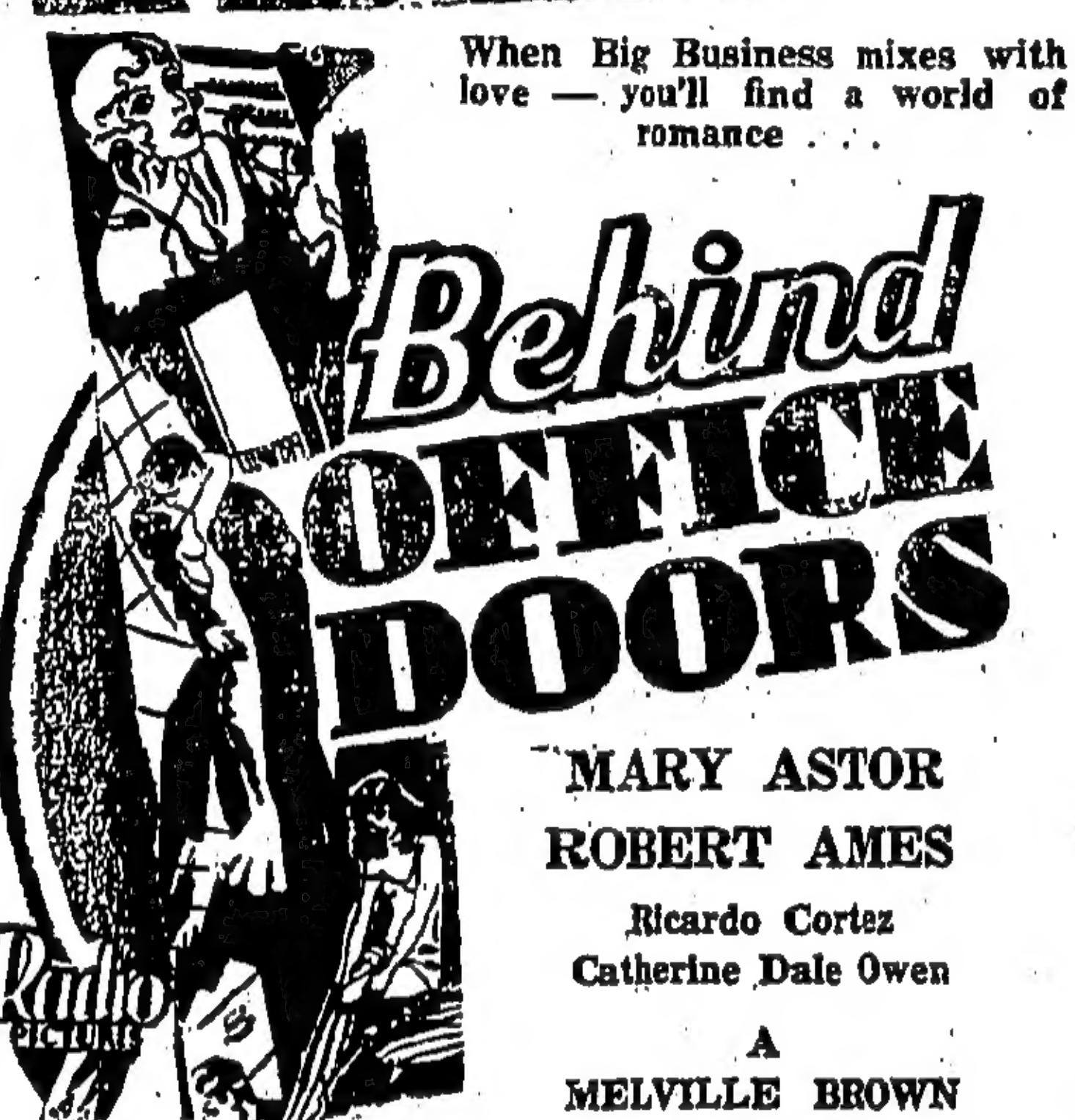
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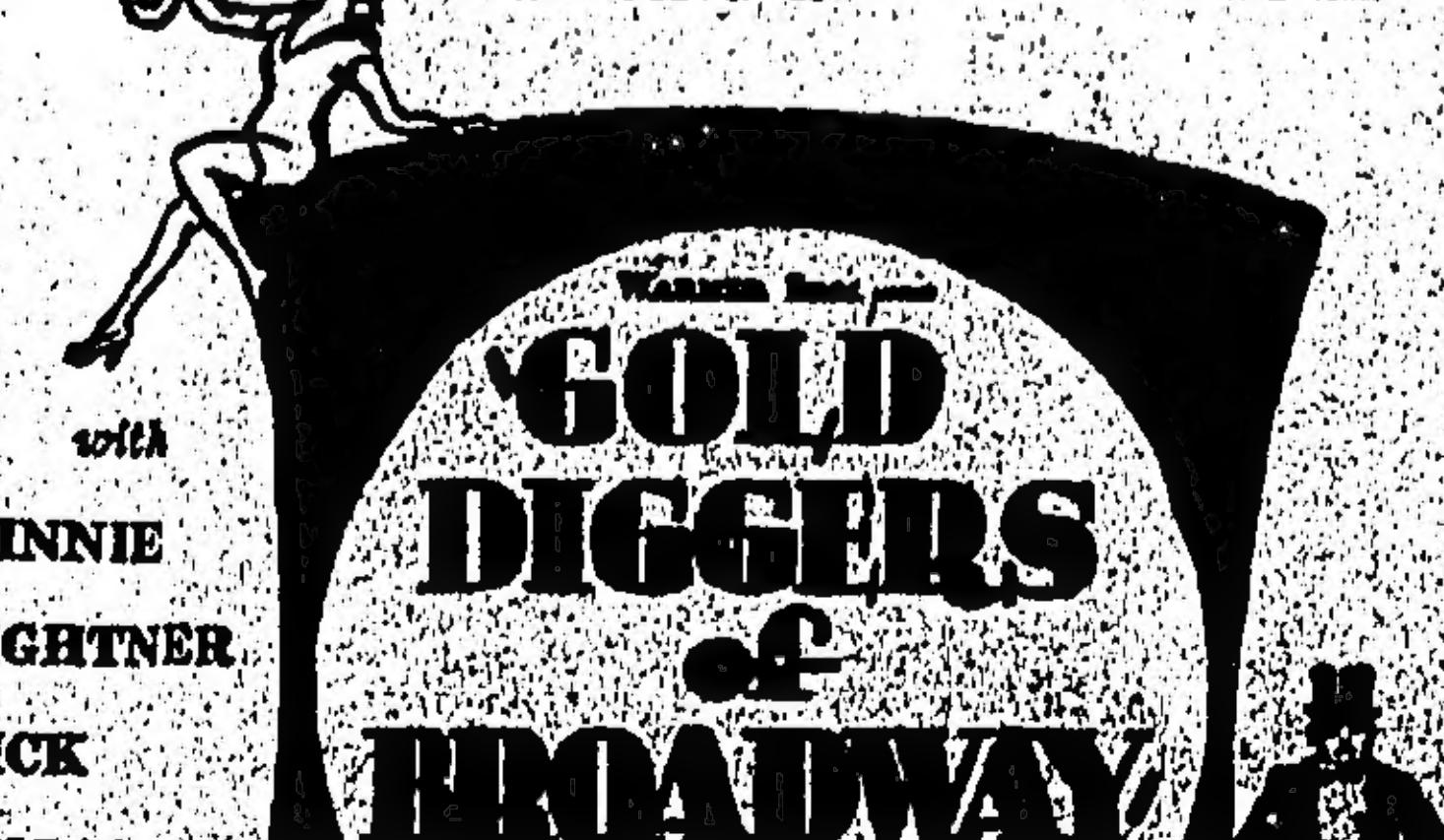
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